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This Committee will meet ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, THE 26th INST., at 8 o'clock sharp, AT THE PHILHARMONIC HALL, to prepare the Lists for the Court of Revision. Members of the Association generally are particularly requested to be present and aid the Committee in its work.

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TO STUDY U. S. RAILWAYS.

Arrival of Russian Commissioners Connected With the Great Siberian Road.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—On the steamer City of Peking, which came into port on Saturday, was M. Gaddadour, one of the chief engineers of the great Siberian railway, accompanied by Messrs. Langdier and P. Sokolow. The party have come to America to inspect and study American railway systems, and owing to their prominence in their profession will doubtless be the recipients of much attention while here.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder
Awarded Gold Medal Midwinter Fair, San Francisco.

MURDERER ASHFORD.

He Preserves a Studied Silence—Creditable Record as a Soldier.

Story of the Shooting Detailed by the Young Boy—Little Mildred.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 24.—(Special).—Fred Ashford, who murdered his wife and child on Saturday morning, preserves a studied silence. He was let out of his cell to-day, but his manner became so eccentric that it was feared he would make an attempt at suicide, and he was again locked up. Ashford was married to a soldier's daughter in India in 1873, and four out of their six children were born there. Papers found among his effects show that he was highly thought of by his officers, and, before retiring, was recommended for promotion from the ranks. The oldest boy is very intelligent and with remarkable coolness detailed to the police officers the story of the tragedy an hour after it had taken place. It appears that Ashford on the night of the murder brought home a small present for each of the children, and shaking a small square box said, "I'll show you what's in this after a while, when I get some sleep." In this box was the weapon with which he took the life of his wife and child. An inquest will be held on Friday next. The funeral of the murdered woman and child takes place on Christmas day. Mildred, the little girl shot in the head, is doing well at the hospital. She does not know that her mother is dead, and asked why her mamma did not call to see how she was. The query whether Santa Claus visits the hospital or not, made by the poor little sufferer, will no doubt reach the notice of Santa Claus himself through the public press. Something should be said in praise of the conduct of officer Crawford, who did all a man could do with dispatch and intelligence.

UNPLEASANT EPISODE.

Hon. Mr. Laurier Disturbs the Harmony of the Commercial Travellers' Banquet.

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—(Special).—The annual banquet of the Commercial Travellers' Association on Saturday evening at the Windsor hotel was largely attended, but owing to the course of the leader of the opposition, Hon. Mr. Laurier, has caused considerable talk about town. As announced the principal speakers were to be the Governor-General, Hon. Mr. Foster, Hon. Mr. Laurier and Hon. Mr. Curran. It was after eleven o'clock when Finance Minister Foster was called on to reply to the important toast "The Commercial Interests of Canada," following which came "The Railway and Forwarding Interests," which Vice-President Shaughnessy, of the Canadian Pacific Railway, acknowledged. It was, therefore, just before midnight when Mr. Laurier's turn came. He had, in the meantime, spread out a large pile of notes and documents as if to indicate that he had prepared a big speech for the occasion. Instead, however, of proceeding with it or making any further explanations he coolly turned on Mr. Foster with the remark: "The Finance Minister is a monopolist and has monopolized the time. My notes will keep till another occasion and will not be stale; there will be another occasion for me to speak." Hon. Mr. Laurier's course on this occasion has had the effect of disgusting the majority of those present and among them some of his own followers.

FINANCIAL COMPLICATIONS.

Difficulties in Newfoundland Increasing—Numerous Proposals to Solve the Banking Problem.

ST. JOHNS, Nfld., Dec. 24.—The financial complications here received a new development to-day from the announcement in a telegram published in a government organ to the effect that a bill to guarantee the Union bank's paper currency would be introduced in the legislature either to night or on Wednesday. Schemes for solving the financial difficulty multiply daily. The latest is the establishment of a new bank, the present concerns to go into liquidation, their paper being taken over by the new bank at its valuation. Considerable opposition has already developed towards the proposition for the government to extend aid to any banking institution whatever, solvent or insolvent, and what the result of this opposition will be remains to be determined in the near future. The Union bank still stands high in the estimation of the general public, and its notes are being taken into trade everywhere; but the agitation for the prosecution of the directors and the manager of the suspended Commercial bank shows no signs of cessation. It is impossible now to send post office orders either to Europe or to America, as the postal department here has no means of transmitting money.

SIR JOHN THOMPSON'S FUNERAL.

The Countess of Aberdeen Will Present a Pall for the Obsequies.

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—The Countess of Aberdeen has received permission of Cardinal Taschereau to present a pall for Sir John Thompson's funeral. It will be of white Irish poplin and cloth of gold, and is being made by the sisters of the Good Shepherd. Lady Aberdeen will herself sew the cross.

Another "World's" Story.
TORONTO, Dec. 24.—The World's Ottawa special says:—"Trustworthy indications point to a general election before another session. The official announcement is not to be made for some time, but till the public hear the day is fixed for calling parliament they had better prepare for an election before next session."

For choice nuts and raisins go to Fell & Co.'s, Fort street.

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CAPITAL NOTES.

British Columbia Members Invited to Attend the Funeral of the Late Premier.

Congratulations to the New Minister of Justice on His Assumption of Office.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—It is probable that a special train will leave Ottawa on Wednesday morning next week direct for Halifax, making a through run over the Intercolonial railway in about twenty-four hours and landing the representatives from the several provinces in Halifax on Thursday morning.

Sir Charles H. Tupper took charge of his new department to-day and received many letters and telegrams of congratulation, among them the following: "The members of the Quebec legislative assembly belonging to the profession heartily congratulate you upon your appointment as Minister of Justice." It is signed by the Attorney-General and seven members, irrespective of politics.

Messrs. Prior, Earle, Haslam, Corbould, Mara, Barnard, M.'s P.; Premier Davis, Speaker Higgins, the acting Chief Justice of the Supreme court, the Anglican and Roman Catholic bishops of British Columbia, the President of the British Columbia Methodist conference are officially invited to attend the state funeral of Sir John Thompson, to be held at Halifax next week. As it is impossible to reach the gentlemen personally, they are asked to accept this public invitation and to notify the Minister of Railways if they will be present. Transportation will be furnished them from Ottawa to Halifax and return to Ottawa.

CABLE NEWS.

Madagascar Drags the Line.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—A dispatch from Antananarivo says that the Malagasy government has published in full the correspondence between Le Myre de Villiers, the French envoy, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, already reported. The government, while granting the French demands as to diplomatic representatives, French enterprises on the island, the adjudication of the Hova-French disputes and the boundaries of Diego Gualze, declines to forego the right to import munitions of war.

War Apparently Imminent.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 24.—Advices from Puebla state that a large force has been organized in the state of Guerrero for service in Guatemala in case war is declared with that country by Mexico. At the port of Acapulco the government has made preparation for the quick handling of troops, and their transportation by water to Guatemala will be easily accomplished should it be necessary for such a movement.

Sir Charles Tupper Recovering.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Sir Charles Tupper, Canadian high commissioner, is recovering rapidly from the influenza. This afternoon he drove to the Dominion offices.

Dreyfuss the Traitor Knave.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The German embassy has issued a note denying that anybody connected with it ever had direct or indirect relations with Capt. Dreyfuss, or ever made an effort to have Capt. Dreyfuss tried in camera instead of in open court. This sweeping denial is the German government's answer to the sentencing of Dreyfuss for the alleged betrayal of French military plans to the embassy in Paris and to the violent attacks made upon the embassy by the press of Paris.

A Sorrowful Scene.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—A friend of Bismarck's, who has returned to Berlin, says that the old chancellor's farewell to his wife's body in Varzin was the most sorrowful scene of the great man's life. After leaving the chapel, Bismarck took a seat under a fir tree on a near-by knoll, leaned his chin on his walking stick and gazed long and intently at the grave. When he rose to go, he moved slowly and haltingly as if reluctant to leave the spot.

The Chelford Accident.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The inquest in the cases of the persons killed in the railway disaster near Chelford on Saturday, was opened at Chelford this evening. After the bodies had been identified by their friends an adjournment was taken.

Count Munster's Alleged Interference.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The newspapers have continued to lay the burden of Dreyfuss' treason at Count Munster's door, despite his protest to M. Manotoux against their charges. In the last days they have reiterated with positiveness that Count Munster interfered to secure a secret trial so as to keep from general knowledge the fact that the prosecution was based on an inimitable letter taken from the embassy. The German note closes with the declaration that "all such statements are malicious fabrications."

ARMENIAN COMMISSION.

Impossible to Visit Sassoun—The Porte Denies Some of the Charges Against the Turks.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 24.—Owing to the severity of the winter it will perhaps be impossible for the commission of inquiry into the Armonian outrages to visit Sassoun. Moreover it will be difficult to procure any eye-witness of the massacre, for the survivors have dispersed to other provinces. The Porte denies the reports that the Archbishop of Marash is imprisoned at Aleppo, that the other bishops are imprisoned elsewhere, and that thirty Armenians have been executed at Erzeroum. It is admitted that twelve have been sentenced to death and five to ten years imprisonment for murder and rape, but it is said that the sentences have not been carried out.

WAR IN THE ORIENT.

Charges Against Admiral Ting Declared to Be Unwarrantable and Unjust.

Japanese Vessels Examining the Shan Tung Coast With a View to Landing.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A Tokio dispatch says the Japanese diet was opened to day in a speech from the throne, which was read by the Premier. The Emperor said: "Our forces have been victorious and are steadily pressing forward. The neutral powers are more friendly than ever. Our long cherished aspirations for a revision of our treaties have already been fulfilled with several countries and with others negotiations are progressing favorably."

A Shanghai dispatch gives an extract from an article in the Shanghai Mercury which says: "One of the conditions of peace which the Japanese want is to enforce close alliance with China against European influence. Japan also wishes to undertake the reorganization of the Chinese army and navy and seeks the control of the Chinese government upon the same lines which she attempted in Corea."

A Chefoo dispatch says the mutiny of Chinese troops at Weihaiwei is ended, the soldiers having been paid.

A dispatch from Shanghai states that the third Japanese army is reported to have landed west of Chee Foo and captured Lai Chow, a seaport town in the province of Chang Lung, on the south shore of the gulf of Pechili.

The Times correspondent in Tien Tsin says: "The Chinese and foreign officers of the Chinese fleet have sent to Prince Kung a unanimous protest against the punishment of Admiral Ting for the defeat of the squadron in the battle at the mouth of the Yalu. They declare that the charges against him are unjust and that he would resign if he should be punished. Consequently an edict has been issued continuing Ting in his command. It was the Foochow clique which ousted Admiral Ting. They conspired against Ting and prompted the censors to falsely accuse him in order to avenge the execution of their comrade Captain Fong."

Japanese cruisers lately have been examining the Shaug Tung coast. They seem to be selecting a landing place whence to threaten Wei Hai Wei. Shao Yea Leon is ineligible for the peace mission to Japan owing to the fact that he offered rewards for Japanese heads when he was governor of Formosa.

THE GREAT STORM.

Losses of Life and Property Immense—Spread Over the Coast of the German Ocean.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Dispatches from the continent say that Northern France and Germany suffered severely from the storm, although the loss of life and property cannot be estimated as yet. At Hamburg many vessels went adrift and collided or grounded. The tide was the highest seen since 1882. The lower parts of Wilhelmshaven, on the North sea, are flooded, and the dykes would have gone if the garrison had not worked energetically for hours to strengthen them. Lubbeck and Colberg also suffered much damage.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 24.—Heavy floods have been caused by the floods in Holland. The rivers Maas and Rote rose twelve feet inundating parts of Rotterdam. Boats were used in the streets and in the market places, which were like lakes. Many of the dykes threatened to give way under the heavy pounding of the sea. In several places the water succeeded in breaking through, and the country in the vicinity of the breaks is flooded. Nine houses collapsed. At Utrecht several persons were drowned by the capsizing of a boat. Telegraph and telephone wires were everywhere broken. The bark Caroline, from Savannah for Hamburg, went ashore near Egmondsee and became a total wreck. Her cargo is being washed upon the beach. Part of her crew were drowned.

In Rotterdam the water rose twelve feet above the usual high-water mark. The streets were under two or three feet of water, and the inhabitants paddled about on rafts and in boats. The dykes of the Meuse and Yssel were strained severely along their lower courses. At one place a large bank let out a flood which covered a wide area and did enormous damage.

Throughout the Netherlands and Belgium many persons were injured and a few were killed by falling chimneys and timber. The pilot cutter Lamaner capsized off Dunkirk and three of the crew were drowned.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 24.—The storm has caused much damage throughout Belgium. Many of the Belgian fishing boats are missing.

The town of Dendermonde, at the confluence of the Dender and Scheldt rivers, was inundated by the overflowing of the Dender. The inhabitants were aroused by the tocsin and escaped, but the property loss is great. The villages of Audemere, Dendermonde, Mespelare, Appels and Baesrode were also inundated.

HAMBURG, Dec. 24.—The river Elbe has overflowed its banks and inundated the lower parts of the town. The water is so deep that tramcars are unable to run.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Fishing boats returning to Grimsby and Norwich in a battered condition bring reports of isolated drownings. The fishing boat Daley foundered off Portsey, Scotland, yesterday and its four occupants were drowned.

ROTTERDAM, Dec. 24.—The Norwegian steamer Stanley, 1,300 tons, was wrecked off the Jutland coast yesterday and her crew of 12 were lost. The steamer was helpless on Saturday and was buffeted about for 24 hours before she went on the rocks. At Zantvoort, near Harlem, the submarine cables from England have been laid bare; usually they are under six feet of sand.

Sympathy With Canada.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Sir Charles Tupper will send to Canada a letter from the Mayor of Windsor written in the name of the town to express sympathy with Canada on account of Sir John Thompson's death.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Ashford, the Vancouver Homicide, Professes Ignorance of His Crime—Fire.

Westminster's Artillery Company—Prosperous Kamloops—What the Miners are Doing.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 24.—George F. Ashford, who on Saturday morning shot and instantly killed his wife and one child and seriously wounded a second daughter, now professes entire ignorance of his crime. It is thought by the surgeon that little Mildred will recover.

A fire was kindled under Quinn's tailor shop on Saturday night and at one time the entire block was threatened with destruction. Good work by the fire brigade saved it.

The council will investigate the alleged fact that several United States insurance companies are doing business here without having paid the Canadian license.

The council has been asked and will consider a petition, no doubt favorably, to grant \$500 a year to the Children's Home.

Never were there such large crowds on the streets of Vancouver on Christmas eve. They almost blocked pedestrian travel on Cordova street to-night. Merchants report business ahead of other years.

The council has passed a unanimous resolution denouncing the action of petitioners against the amendments in stating that the amendments were arranged in secret session and endorsed at a meeting of a few members of the council not constituting a quorum, as slanderous and detrimental to the council.

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, Dec. 24.—A petition is in circulation for the formation of a company of the B. C. B. G. A. here with J. A. Forin in command.

General Booth arrives here on January 7. He will be presented with a public address and accorded civic honors.

Another hotel is in difficulties, the sheriff having taken charge of the Hotel Douglas to-day for rent amounting to a large sum.

The reports on the tenders for the bridge are on hand from New York. No single tender is recommended. All are equally favored, the strong and weak points being brought out, so that the city are yet far from arriving at a verdict.

The flood relief committee have received a number of letters asking for relief in many ways, principally for food for stock during the winter.

DUNCAN.

DUNCAN, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Alexander, widow of Mr. David Alexander, one of Cowichan's best known pioneers, died on Tuesday last and was buried yesterday at St. Peter's church, Quamichan. The pallbearers were: Revoe S. H. Davis, A. Pimbury, W. C. Duncan, John N. Evans, D. W. Munguy and W. P. Jaynes. A large assemblage of the inhabitants attended the funeral.

B. Ordano, who assaulted G. S. Cook at McPherson's on Friday last, was brought up at the court house yesterday before E. Musgrave and H. O. Wellburn, J.P.'s, and fined \$10 and costs.

The mountains encircling the Cowichan valley are heavily snow-clad, but the lower and warmer lands are still subject to the usual December rains.

A pleasant evening of Christmas tree and entertainment was given at the Somenos schoolhouse on Friday evening last.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Dec. 24.—Someone, evidently preparing for a boxing day pantomime, made away with a vast string of sausages from a local shop and the police are much exercised.

Christmas entertainments are the order of the day and news is dead.

Slip forth, O spark, along the wire, With nimble feet and heart of fire, In broken ticks a message bear To those who watch and wait and swear 'Cause Christmas comes but once a year.

KAMLOOPS.

KAMLOOPS, Dec. 24.—Despite the hard times elsewhere, this year has been the most prosperous in the history of Kamloops since the railway construction was completed, partially due to the extra force of workmen employed in repairing the damage by floods to the C. P. R., whose supplies were taken from here and to the building of the Provincial Home, which put a considerable amount of money in circulation. That institution was examined by the architect to-day and accepted as practically finished. It is a beautiful structure, on a commanding site, and a credit to the city and province. The efforts of Hon. G. B. Martin to secure this institution for Kamloops have been much appreciated.

Cattle have not found a ready sale, but fodder is plentiful and all will be wintered in good condition.

The by-law to purchase water works for \$14,000 has been passed and \$10,000 will be spent in improvements. There has been but one fire, causing \$500 loss.

There are no hard times in Kamloops. (From the Sentinel.)

James Ratchford, late of the Cosmopolitan hotel, has received official notification of his appointment as superintendent of the provincial home. It would seem impossible to make a better selection.

Bullock-Webster, provincial officer for Osoyoos, on Tuesday night brought in four prisoners; one a man named John Armstrong, sentenced to the penitentiary for five years for stealing cattle.

J. F. Smith reports the weather fine on the North Thompson river. All hands are busy gathering up cattle for winter feeding. There is an abundant supply of fodder and stock are all looking well. Encouraging news comes from the Homestake mines.

The dog creek correspondent writing under date of December 9, says: The mining sections of the province give promising indications of a goodly return next season. There have been more claims staked off during the summer than for many years past. Men from all parts of the world have paid our province a visit and they have more or less interested themselves in the mining claims of the province. It is predicted by many that the dredging system will work successfully. The crops on the whole have been an average. The mining claims in and around Lillooet have not panned out the standard expected.

KASLO.

(From the Times.)

The Idaho road will be in shape for shipments to commence in a day or two. Genelle & Leary have been guaranteed the hauling of five hundred tons of ore a month.

For the week the Slokan Star shipped two

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Christmas Number

1894

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hundred tons of ore to Omaha, of which the approximate value is \$20,000. This will be its weekly rate of shipment until the road breaks up.

Hugh Mann has so far brought down 128 tons of ore from the mines to Three Forks, and was making preparations to bring down 30 tons a day.

A local lot owner has received from the land office a communication which certainly implies that the payment of arrears will not be enforced by the harsh measure of forfeiture.

NEW DENVER.

Capt. Moore has bought out the Drumheller boys in the Twin Lakes claim. The interests amounted to thirteen fortieths and were valued at \$2,000.

G. W. Hughes has purchased the interests of F. H. Hughes and D. Porter in the Best mine.

But little snow has fallen on Cariboo creek, notwithstanding all work on placers has ceased till spring. Half a dozen men will winter on the creek.

The difficulty over the Nickel Plate, on Trail creek, the richest property in the camp, has been settled and development work will be carried on to a greater extent than ever.

Monaghan & King have a rich property in the Cariboo mine, on Rock creek, with a well defined lead assaying, over \$100 to the ton in gold. The vein is in good shape for handling. Three bricks have been forwarded to East Helena, aggregating \$10,000 in all, as the output of the mine.

The ledge is to be turned loose in New Denver, where it hopes to stay until the last ton of ore is dug out of the Slokan.

The owners of the steamer Ainsworth, on Kootenay lake, are reported to be debating the advisability of building a large steel boat to engage in the lake and river traffic.

Ore from four different mines has been brought in from the Slokan this week, averaging three car loads per day. Rwhinding is proceeding vigorously, and the amount of ore handled is in excess of that anticipated. The mines now shipping are the Slokan Star, Noble Five, Recco and Mountain Chief. In a few days these will be augmented by the Dardanelles, Surprise, Fisher Maiden, Alpha, Alamo, Idaho and others.

The bond has been taken up on the War Eagle, Iron Mask and Virginia claims at Rossland, in the Trail creek district. Last spring these claims were bonded for \$23,000 by Clark, Corbin, Finch, Campbell, Kingsbury, Roberts and Wakefield, all of Spokane.

On exhibition at the Pioneer Bodega—the great painting, "The Suicide."

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DRY GOODS.

Review of the New York Trade by the "Journal of Commerce."

New York, Dec. 24.—The Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin in its weekly review of the dry goods market says: The first day of the week under review was given up to Biss, Fabian & Co.'s auction sale, which has been fully reported and from the influence exercised by it so frequently referred to since. In staple cottons the market has since been in a very unsettled condition. Sellers have recognized the necessity of bringing prices into something like conformity with the auction basis in a number of directions, and numerous changes have been made, chiefly in wide sheetings and colored goods. Much of the revision is being conducted quietly and agents are not yet prepared to make public the transactions in all cases. There has been considerable more business done during the past few days than before the sale. Some buyers supplemented their purchases by taking further quantities in the open market and others disappointed in not securing auction supplies have also purchased rather freely.

FIGHTING IN MADAGASCAR

British Officers Seeking Service Under the Queen—Severe Conflicts.

MARSEILLES, Dec. 24.—Advices by mail from Madagascar report the arrival of Col. Shervinton, who, it is said, will take command of the Hovas. Other British officers are desirous of taking service under the Queen of Madagascar. The Hovas are said to be receiving a quantity of ammunition and arms. The French troops are patrolling the country around Tamatave and keeping the Hovas at a distance. The country north and west of Madagascar is in a very disturbed condition. There has been very severe fighting between the Hovas and other tribes, and several parties of Hovas have been cut to pieces.

New York Stock Market.

New York, Dec. 24.—Speculation at the Stock Exchange to-day showed few features of interest. The transactions totaled only 74,900 shares. Closing bids: Atchafonk, Santa Fe, 4½; Burlington & Quincy, 7½; Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, 10½; Erie, 9½; Wells Fargo Express, 105; Great Northern, preferred, 101½; Lake Shore, 137; Louisville & Nashville, 53½; New York Central, 99; New York & New England, 32½; North American Co., 34; Northern Pacific, 3½; Northern Pacific, preferred, 16½; Northwest, 97½; Oregon Navigation, 19½; Oregon Improvement, 11; Pacific Mail, 21½; Reading, 15½; Rock Island, 61½; St. Paul, 67½; Texas Pacific, 98½; Union Pacific, 13½; Western Union, 86½; Bar silver, 59½c. per ounce.

Some people laugh to show their pretty teeth. The use of Ivory White Tooth Powder makes people laugh more than ever. It's so nice. Price 25c. Sold by druggists.

Fine bread boards at Fox's.

FINE line of carving sets, table cutlery, &c., Shore's Hardware, 57 Johnson St.

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Does the thought ever strike you that the high duty on imported cigars—from \$40 to \$50 per 1000 in the case of one-bit cigars—places the home factory in a position whereby a finer article can be furnished for the same figure?

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THE FACTS OF THE CASE

Are altogether in my favor, and if you are a good citizen and desire the promotion of the city's industries, it is only reasonable on my part to ask you to make a test of the quality of my Cigars. If you find them what I represent them to be, you will continue to smoke them.

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VICTORIA, B.C.

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS

—OF THE—
 Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

NOTICE

is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Company, Limited, will be held at the office of the Company, in the City of Victoria, B.C., on Tuesday, the 8th day of January, 1895, at 2 o'clock p.m., for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of any other business of the corporation.

Dated this 15th day of December, 1894.
 WM. H. PHIPPS, Secretary.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA MILLING AND MINING COMPANY, (LIMITED).

ASSESSMENT No. 25.

Notice is hereby given that an assessment of one cent per share has been levied upon the members of the above named Company, payable at the Company's office, No. 48 Langley street, Victoria, B.C., on or before the thirty-first day of December, 1894, from and after which date all shares on which said call shall then remain unpaid shall be deemed delinquent, to be dealt with according to law.

By order of the Board of Directors,
 Victoria, 1st December, 1894.
 GEO. A. SARGISON, Secretary.

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"Fire Insurance Policy Act, 1893."

NOTICE is hereby given that His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor in Council has further postponed the commencement of "An Act to secure Uniform Conditions in Policies of Fire Insurance," from the 1st day of April, 1894, until the 1st day of April, 1895.

JAMES RAKER, Provincial Secretary.
 Provincial Secretary's Office,
 28th March, 1894. fo10-1d

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WANTS.

WANTED—An experienced accountant is prepared to post and balance up books, make out and collect accounts, open up new sets, or do any office work; first-class references. Address J.P., Colonist office de22

PIANO TUNING—Wm. N. Parson, piano tuner and repairer; eight years' experience in eastern houses; satisfaction guaranteed. Leave orders at Wait's Music Store, 64 Government street. de21-1m

PARTIES desiring reliable help in hotels or private families, call at Woman's Employment Office, 114½ Yates street. de11-1b

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THE ELSMERE HOUSE, 104 Pandora St., has reopened under new management; excellent family board; comfortably warmed rooms, also billiard room and ladies' parlor; single rooms if desired; terms moderate. Mrs. C. Wilkes, proprietress. no21-1m

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FOR SALE—Good teams of horses, harness and wagon (4 inch tire); cheap. Apply 107 Douglas street. de20-6t

LOST OR FOUND.

LOST OR STOLEN—On Wednesday, 19th inst., a Gordon setter; answers to the name of "Daisy." Finder will be rewarded by returning same to 23 Birdcage Walk. de23-2t

LOST—A ladies' gold watch with five small diamonds and initials "M.E.P." on back, between Drilard and C.P.N. wharf. The finder will be rewarded on returning same to Drilard Hotel. de23-2t

LOST—On Dallas Road, a purse containing \$7. The finder will be suitably rewarded on leaving same at Colonist office. de20

ADVERTISEMENTS.

L. P. FISHER, Newspaper Advertising Agent, 21 Merchant's Exchange, San Francisco, is our authorized Agent. This paper is kept on file in his office. fo8

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MEETINGS.

VICTORIA-COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 1, I. A. F. & A. M., B.C.R.—Regular Communication first Thursday each month at Masonic Temple, corner Douglas and Fisgard streets, at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments served cordially invited. ja28-1f

C. DUBOIS MASON Secretary.

"ST. ANDREW & CALEDONIAN SOCIETY." Society meets in Caledonia Hall, Blanchard street, on the first Friday in every month. Visiting brethren are invited to attend. E. C. Smith, Secretary. my4-1m

SCAVENGERS.

ED. LINES, General Scavenger, 230 Yates street. Yards, etc., cleaned. Orders left at Geo. Munroe, 93 Douglas street; Speed Bros., Gordon, Cor. Menzies and Michigan, will be promptly attended to. de3

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DESTRUCTIVE STORMS.

Terrible Damage in Great Britain and on the Coast—Many Lives Lost.

Ireland Has a Severe Visitation—Vessels Blown Ashore in Lough Foyle.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A terrible gale prevailed throughout Great Britain on Saturday. The clearing house at Euston station was unroofed and several clerks injured. Owing to the fury of the gale all traffic in Liverpool has been suspended. One tram car was blown into another on the same line; one person was killed and three were injured. Two other persons were crushed by a falling wall. Two people in Preston, one in Grimsby and two children in Beeston were killed by falling walls. At Lancaster the wind blew the roof off a house and the whole structure collapsed, burying three persons in the cellar. All were seriously injured. Several other houses in course of building were demolished. At Morecambe Bay several smacks were sunk. At Grimsby a workshop collapsed, burying thirty persons. One was killed and three were seriously injured. Telegraph lines, timber, stacks, trees, etc., were blown down in all directions. At Buxton the town hall was unroofed and partly wrecked.

At Southport the life boats were kept busy rescuing the crews of two vessels. At Newry a brewery chimney was blown down, and the local railway was so badly damaged that traffic will have to be suspended for several days. A chimney of the infirmary in Blackburn was blown down, crashing into the children's ward. Seven children were carried down with the debris, and while policemen and firemen were trying to rescue the children, the lower floor collapsed and all fell into the cellar. One policeman and six children were severely injured.

The bark Kirkmichael was driven on the breakwater at Holyhead, many sailors being drowned, and she seems to be doomed to destruction. Four of her rescued seamen have died of exhaustion. There are two men still aboard. Word came from Liverpool this evening that another vessel had foundered and five of her crew had been drowned. A lifeboat going to the rescue was blown adrift and wrecked. In the Mersey six smacks were sunk. Four sailors are dying in the hospital of broken bones. The Mersey ferry was compelled to stop running for several hours, a most unusual occurrence. It is estimated that the wind blew eighty-seven miles an hour. The sea rolled over the breakwater. The Norwegian bark Titania and Valhall parted their cables off Penmors, Carnarvonshire, and went ashore. The Carnarvon lifeboat has been sent out to save the crews. The schooner Dart parted her cable off Anglesea and grounded a few minutes later. The bark Lotos is ashore at Southport. The 3,000 tons steamship British Queen lost two anchors with sixty fathoms of chain and went ashore at Long Reach. She is expected to float next tide.

Reports from Ireland state that at Longford the streets are strewn with debris. At Belfast three persons were killed by falling walls, the damage being enormous. A steamer is ashore at Southend. The schooner Helen Mar is reported wrecked near Ardmore, Ireland. Three of the crew were drowned. The captain was washed ashore exhausted. At Lisburn five factory chimneys were blown down and great damage was done. A number of factories and houses were demolished. At Holywood, Downshire, a schooner was wrecked. A dispatch from Belfast says that several vessels were blown ashore in the Lough. The crews of some of them have been rescued. Among the rescued are the captain, his wife and fifteen of the crew of the British bark Noel. They clung to the rigging for seven hours, exposed to a bitter nor'wester. The vessel was dashed to pieces. The northwest of Ireland seems to have fared worse than any other part. Many casualties have been reported there. The breaking of the telegraph wires delayed reports. It is believed that parts of Scotland also suffered badly. The British bark Innerwick at Fleetwood broke from her moorings, damaged a crane and lost her foremast. A bark supposed to be the Fueru, Norwegian, and a steamer supposed to be the Shilda are ashore at Fleetwood.

ANOTHER SCENE.

The French Chambers Witness a Remarkable Scene of Personality and Tumult—Another Duel.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—General Mercier, Minister of War, introduced in the chamber of deputies yesterday a bill providing the death penalty for such military traitors as Captain Dreyfuss. Deputy Jaures, Socialist, was delegated by his party to demand the abolition of the death penalty in the army. In the course of his attack upon the government, he said that Dreyfuss had escaped sentence because the government feared the consequences of executing him.

Premier Dupuy reproached Mr. Jaures for voicing the theories of International Socialism on a subject which should appeal to every Frenchman's loyalty. "You are the internationalists," shouted Jaures in his reply, pointing to the Ministers. You favor the internationalism of Hebrew capitalists whom you screen and protect. Yet these Hebrew capitalists, whom you adopt as your wards, are swindlers and scamps."

The chamber was brought to a high pitch of excitement by this harangue. The socialists cheered approvingly. The ministers interrupted the speaker frequently and as Jaures reached the climax of his charges, sprang to his feet and shouted "You lie, and you know you lie."

Jaures' reply was drowned in a tumult which was still after five minutes by the president's bell. There were many calls for the censuring of Jaures and eventually M. de Biaisou, the president, requested him to withdraw his accusations. Jaures refused flatly. He was censured by the president and expelled temporarily from the chamber. The sitting was adjourned in confusion. Jaures sent his seconds to Berthieu, in the event of whose acceding to the arrangements made by the seconds the duel will be fought with pistols at 25 paces. The duel was the main topic of discussion during the intermission, and the deputies were still talking the probable conditions when the sitting was resumed. The previous question was demanded by the government as soon as the chamber came to order and was carried against M. Jaures' proposal. Alex. Miller, radical, argued in a speech on General Mercier's bill that existing law would enable the government to punish Dreyfuss with death. Lawyer Lavollie, republican, denied this. Eventually urgency was voted on the Mercier bill.

Drink Victoria-Phoenix Lager Beer.

ARMENIAN COMMISSION.

Instructions by the Porte as to the Course of the Inquiry.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 23.—The porte has agreed to instruct the foreign delegates who will accompany the Armenian commission that they are empowered, not only to suggest questions to witnesses, but also to personally examine them. Abdullah Pasha has withdrawn from the presidency of the commission at the last moment and has been replaced by two officials from the ministry of Jesus Christ, who will start to-day for Erzeroum, where the members of the commission are already assembled. Abdullah's recall is supposed to be due to the representations that he is inferior in rank to Zedki Pasha, who it is alleged committed the atrocities and will have to be examined.

Minister Terrell has not yet officially informed the state department of the acquiescence of the Turkish government in the proposition that the United States consul at Sivas, Milo A. Jowett, should enter upon an independent investigation of the alleged Armenian outrages, neither has any official advice come to hand in regard to alleged strained relations with European powers because of the restrictions imposed upon the investigation.

EVIDENCE ACCUMULATING.

The Case of the Crown in the Hendershott Murder Case Materially Strengthened.

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 24.—The case of the Crown in the Hendershott tragedy has been still further strengthened by the discovery of the missing axe with which the murder is supposed to have been committed. The axe was found beneath a log covered with bark. The handle was splintered and the blade and handle were spotted with blood. An attempt had apparently been made to wash the blood from the axe in a small pool near by. The axe was identified as the one used by Weller and Hendershott in the woods.

RELIGIOUS REVIVAL.

The Pope's Joy at Witnessing the Encouraging Signs.

ROME, Dec. 24.—The official journal of the Vatican publishes the Pope's reply to the Christmas congratulations of the College of Cardinals. His Holiness, as reported yesterday, dwelt upon the need of recalling the religious spirit to the armies, schools, parliaments and cabinets of the world. He also spoke of his joy at witnessing evidences of a revival of religious faith.

CANADIAN NEWS.

(Special to the Colonist.)

Training Stables Burned.

ST. CATHERINES, Dec. 24.—Joseph Welch's training stables were burned early this morning. Three trotters were lost. They were owned by the Lloyds estate and Healy Bros. of Niagara. Insurance on the building, \$600; the horses were partly insured.

Accounts to Be Investigated.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 24.—J. K. Strachan, secretary-treasurer of the Winnipeg exhibition board, has been suspended, pending an investigation of his accounts. Strachan will take action against the Tribune for libel in connection with the reports of his suspension.

Drowned While Skating.

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—Oliver Montpetit, of St. Timothy, was drowned in the canal yesterday while skating to church. An unknown man was also drowned near the same spot within an hour afterwards.

Found Drowned.

HESPELER, Dec. 24.—James Crane, of Puelinoh, was here on Saturday selling turkeys and left for home that night very much the worse of liquor. Yesterday he and his team were found drowned in Key's dam, about a mile from here.

Ingli's Indiscretion.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—George W. Ingli, agent of the Blake Engine Co. of Boston, who is accused of wronging a Toronto husband, Dr. Pickering, is here. He admits he has been indiscreet. Mrs. Pickering, he says, is now in England.

Fatal Accident.

BOLTON, Dec. 24.—A young lady named Brendon, whose parents live in King township, was killed on Saturday evening in attempting to jump off a moving C.P. train here.

C.P.R. Returns.

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—The traffic receipts of the C.P.R. for the week ending December 21 were \$316,000; for the same week last year they were \$326,000.

A Petty Protest.

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—Calixte Lebeuf publishes an article in the French papers protesting against contributions to the Sir John Thompson testimonial on the part of the French Canadians. He says that it is foolish to expect that the French Canadians, who are so poor that they cannot place M. Maisonneuve on his pedestal and much less erect a Monument Nationale, will, when the Thompson fund meeting is held, give their few cents to the widow of the man who did nothing for the French Canadians and always lived in wealth.

Army Contractors Punished.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Allez Brothers, army contractors, were found guilty on Saturday of fraud in delivering to the Ministry of War defective goods. Each was sentenced to three months' imprisonment. The sub-contractor, Maisonneuve, was sent to prison for one year, and Mauret, the foreman, was condemned to a six months' term. All were also fined.

Damages by the Gale.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—During the prevalence of the gale in Germany the dyke at Hamburg broke and a large area of land was submerged. Many streets in Geestemünde and Altona were inundated. The water is now being pumped out by the fire engines. The damage to the docks will, it is estimated, reach at least 2,000,000 marks.

Dyspepsia seldom causes death, but permits its victims to live on in misery. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures dyspepsia and all stomach troubles.

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NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT.

Re Estate of William Johnston.

Pursuant to the "Creditors' Trust Deeds Act, 1890," and the "Creditors' Trust Deeds Amending Act, 1894."

Notice is hereby given that William Johnston, of Port Eslington, Skeena River, B.C., general merchant, has by deed dated this 7th day of December, 1894, granted and assigned all his personal estate, credits and effects which may be seized and sold under execution, and all his real estate, unto Gustav Leiser, of 9 and 11 Yates street, Victoria, merchant, and Robert Cunningham, of Port Eslington aforesaid, merchant, in trust for the benefit of all his creditors. Said deed was executed by said parties and the trusts thereby created were accepted and undertaken by the said Gustav Leiser and Robert Cunningham, the trustees, on the said 7th day of December, 1894.

Creditors of the said William Johnston are required to send full particulars of their claims, proved by statutory declaration, to the said trustees, at Victoria, B.C., on or before the 7th day of January, 1895, and all persons indebted to the said William Johnston are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness to the said trustees forthwith.

After the 7th day of January, 1895, the said trustees will proceed to distribute the assets among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to those claims of which they then shall have notice.

Dated the 7th day of December, 1894.
S. PERRY MILLS,
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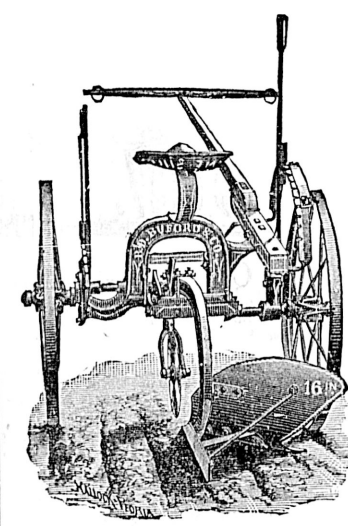
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TIME TABLE NO. 24

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train.

New Westminster Route:

LEAVE VICTORIA for New Westminster, Ladner's Landing and Lulu Island—Sunday at 2 o'clock; Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 o'clock. Sunday's steamer to New Westminster connects with C. P. R. train No. 2 going east Monday.

For Plumper Pass—Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 o'clock.

For Moresby and Pender Islands—Friday at 7 o'clock.

For Sidney—Wednesday, at 7 o'clock.

LEAVE NEW WESTMINSTER for Victoria—Monday at 11.15 o'clock; Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock.

For Pender and Moresby Islands and Sidney—Thursday at 7 o'clock.

Northern Route:

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Barclay Sound Route:

Steamer Manda leaves Victoria for Alberni and Sound Ports the 1st and 15th of each month.

The Company reserves the right of changing this Time Table at any time without notification.

JOHN IRVING, Manager

G. A. CARLETON, General Agent,

Victoria, Sept. 1st, 1894.

GEO. A. SARGISON

NOTARY PUBLIC,

Accountant & Agent,

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Sceptics and cynics, when they see or hear of any unusual manifestation of envy, hatred, malice and all uncharitableness, are wont to exclaim with a sneer, "Is this your boasted Christianity? See what centuries of preaching and teaching the religion of love have produced! The implied reproach and the sneer have an influence on persons who have not thought much about the effects produced by Christianity and cause them to lend a favorable ear to those who speak disparagingly of the Christian religion. But a little reflection will show fair-minded persons that to condemn Christianity as a whole because some of those who profess and call themselves Christians are foolish, weak and even criminal is both shallow and unfair. If, instead of condemning Christianity on account of the offences of the comparative few who, in opposition to its teaching and despite its influence, do wrong, they turned their attention to the effect it has on the many who try to shape their lives in accordance with its precepts, they would, if they were at all unprejudiced, speak of it in a very different way.

Every intelligent reader of history must see that Christianity has had an elevating and a humanizing effect upon those who have been brought within the sphere of its influence, and to a certain, and by no means small, extent, even upon those who do not accept it as of divine origin.

Where do men get their ideas of what is right and what is wrong, what is just and what is unjust, of what is pure and what is impure, of what is kind and what is unkind, of what is humane and inhumane, if not from the Christian religion? That religion appeals to what is best, and noblest in human nature, and it condemns and discommends what is worst and meanest. Men who live in a Christian country cannot divest themselves of the influence of Christianity. It is in the air they breathe, and whether they acknowledge it or not, it has its effect in educating their consciences and in directing their conduct.

Christianity for the most part works silently and quietly, the Christian virtues are not ostentatious. The Christian heroes and heroines are often to outward appearance commonplace people. Many of them perform wonders of self-sacrifice without their being conscious of doing anything praiseworthy or uncommon. They bear the burdens of others without a murmur. They do their duty—very often hard and distasteful—cheerfully. The lives of many of them are full of acts of self-sacrifice. The world seldom hears of these good self-denying souls but it would get along very badly without them. It is Christian principle that gives us homes, and it is the essence of all the sweet charities of life that are the chief element of domestic happiness and social well-being.

What is it that causes communities to care for the widow and the orphan, to provide for the sick and the afflicted, to take charge of the poor and the needy and to establish institutions for many beneficent purposes? Is it not because Christians are taught to "love their neighbors as themselves"? It is this principle that has caused

charitable institutions to be established in all Christian lands. It has taken men a long time even partially to appreciate the gospel of peace on earth and goodwill to men, but the careful observer will see that it is still gaining ground.

Wars have not ceased, but men do not plunge into them as recklessly as they did and they are not nearly so cruel as they were a century or so ago. A more reasonable and a more kindly spirit is observable in the dealings of nations with each other. Laws are milder and punishments are less severe. Men of different nations are beginning to recognize that they have much in common and that it is their interest to be friendly and mutually helpful. Do not these indications show that the heaven of Christianity is working among the nations and that in spite of a thousand opposing and antagonistic forces it is making headway. Not the least significant of the signs that Christianity has still a strong hold upon the men of our race and our nation, is the undiminished popularity of Christmas. In Great Britain and her Colonies and in the United States Christmas is the great festival of the year. It is hailed by all, old and young, as the season when Anglo-Saxon reserve may with propriety be thrown off for a season, and people of all ranks and conditions may show outwardly and visibly that they care for each other and wish each other well. There is, without doubt, something deeper and more sacred at the bottom of Christmas usages and rejoicings than mere custom.

THE GOVERNMENT OF CITIES.

It is not a little singular that those who disapprove of the bill relating to the Government of Cities do not attempt to discuss the measure. They abuse the introducer of the bill and they scold those who do not condemn it without deliberation. But we beg leave to remind them once more that abuse is not argument and scolding and discussion are two very different things.

They assume without reasoning or explanation that there is something dreadful in proposing to have a city's affairs managed by Commissioners appointed by the Government assisted by a Mayor elected by the people instead of by a Mayor and Aldermen all elected by the people. Why do they not condescend to show in what the dreadfulness of the proposition consists and why the men who entertain it are to be denounced? They appear to think that some valuable, in fact almost sacred, political principle is proposed to be violated. We should like to know what principle? Is it according to the eternal fitness of things that a city must be governed by a Mayor and City Council elected by voters having just the qualifications which the civic electors of Victoria are required to possess? If this is the case, there are a great many cities in America and Europe that are not governed according to the eternal fitness of things.

We have a notion—we are almost afraid to give expression to it—that there are no more politics in managing a city's affairs than there are in managing the affairs of a bank or a joint stock company, and that those interested are free without violating any principle political or other, to choose the form of management which they believe to be safest and most efficient.

The city of Victoria has tried one form of city government, and we are very greatly mistaken if the majority of the citizens are of the opinion that it has worked even fairly well. It has been very expensive and it has not produced results at all commensurate with the amount of money laid out. It appears to us that there are a good many in the city of Vancouver who are pretty much of the same opinion as regards the management of its affairs. What is there then so terribly wrong in giving the majority of its electors a chance to choose another form of government for a little while. If the matter is left with them, we do not see that there is any reason to complain. If the majority of the electors, say of Vancouver, are convinced that even one man appointed by the Provincial Government or the Governor-General would govern the city better than it has been governed by a mayor and city council, we cannot see what principle there is that stands in the way of having a law enacted to carry out their wishes.

We see that our mild-mannered contemporary, the Vancouver News-Advertiser, argues in a rather singular way about a "benign despotism." It quotes us as saying: "A despotism, if it is a benign one, has its advantages," and then to show that our proposition is unsound, it instances the Czar of Russia, who persecuted the Jews. A child can see that a despot who persecutes people for their religious opinions is the very reverse of "benign." A writer who attempts to argue in this very dishonest way must surely be at a loss for something fair and reasonable to say in support of his views. Commissioners who will give a city what City Councils have failed to give it, who will manage its affairs honestly and economically, who will not add unnecessarily to its debt and will keep the different services in an efficient condition would be a sort of "benign despotism," and we ask would it not be preferable, at any rate for a time, to City Councils who would do their work badly and blunderingly and the honesty and disinterestedness of some of whose members might be open to question? Our Vancouver contemporary appears to think it surprising that anyone who has contemplated the beauties of popular government and witnessed its effects should tolerate a benign despotism.

More than one city of the United States, if we do not mistake, has made the change which the Advertiser is horrified to see proposed in British Columbia. What the result has been we are not in a position to state, but we venture to say that the Commissioners have not left so bad a record

behind them as have some of the governments of United States cities which have been elected by universal suffrage.

A WONDERFUL DISCOVERY.

The easiest way in the world, as our contemporary the Times has found out, to confute an opponent and to show that he has made mistakes is to attribute to him words which he did not utter, and to represent him as citing figures which he did not produce. Our contemporary yesterday by this patent method showed that Mr. Haggart and the COLONIST were wrong in what they said about the Public Debt of the Dominion. The COLONIST said: "It is well known that the Dominion assumed the debts of the different Provinces as they entered the Union. The amount of these debts was in round numbers \$109,000,000." Our critic says "It (the COLONIST) bases its latest figure trick upon the falsification of the aggregate amount of the Provincial debt assumed by the Dominion at Confederation, which it coolly places at \$109,000,000, but almost in the same breath exposes the trick by saying that the net debt in 1874 was \$108,000,000."

Our contemporary forgets to inform its readers that the debts of the Provinces were not all assumed "at Confederation" but at different periods after Confederation, so that its discovery—if it was a discovery—of our alleged falsification was nothing better than a mare's nest. Our critic evidently does not know that all the Provinces did not enter the Confederation at the same time.

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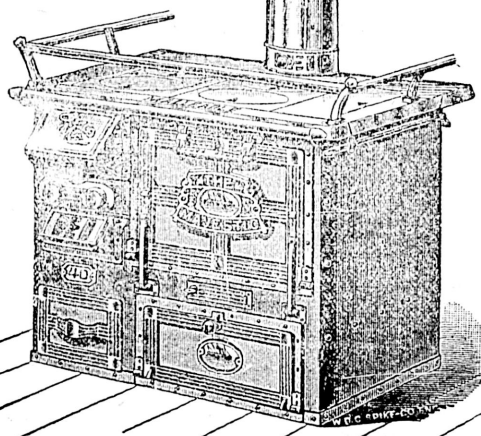
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Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

The usual Christmas Donations of all kinds will be thankfully received at the Hospital, or if intending donors will kindly drop a postal card to Mr. Robert Jenkinson, the House Steward, he will send to any address named, and gladly take charge of any gifts. de10-td

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THE CITY.

THE law courts have been closed for the Christmas vacation until Thursday.

THE Y. M. C. A. football club will practice at Beacon Hill this morning.

THERE were seventy-two bags and baskets of Eastern mail received last evening.

THE Sunday school of St. Andrew's R.C. cathedral will have their Christmas treat on Friday afternoon.

SEATS may be reserved at Jamieson's now for General Booth's meeting in the Victoria theatre on Wednesday, January 2nd.

OWING to the serious illness of Superintendent Hussey the Nanaimo Chinese robbery case has been postponed till Thursday.

THE famous Pyke opera company is booked at the Victoria for January 3, 4, 5 and 7 in the latest and best operas of the day.

THE COLONIST wishes all its readers a Merry Christmas, and as the staff will loyally observe the holiday no paper will be issued to-morrow.

IN the city police court yesterday the case of D. A. McKinnon, charged with the theft of a diamond locket, was further enlarged until to-morrow.

THE disposal of the collection of fine Australian furs will be continued for a few days after Christmas day, at the Stanley House premises, Government street.

PERELESS lodge, I. O. O. F., announce a Christmas social for Friday evening of this week. All the sister lodges, as well as the Daughters of Rebekah, will be represented.

SENIORS council No. 85, Y.M.I., meets on Wednesday evening for the nomination of officers. Damers council, of Wellington, will dedicate their new hall the following evening.

A PRIVATE message from Seattle states that the Tavery opera company's presentation of "I Trovatore" was superb, while the Pyke company achieved a grand success at Cordray's theatre.

THE sewerage commission met yesterday morning to consider the claims of contractors Coughlan and Mayo for further allowances, in regard to which a decision will be announced on Thursday.

THE pulpit presented to St. Columba church by Messrs. Malcolm Blackstock and Archie MacInnes, two young men of the parish, was dedicated by the minister at the evening service last Sunday.

THE celebrated painting, "The Suicide," which, as well as the terrible story it illustrates, is well known to all art lovers of America, is at present on exhibition at the Pioneer Bodega, where it is to remain for several days longer.

YESTERDAY Mrs. Ole Jepson, of Johnson street, who has been ailing for some time, succumbed to hemorrhage of the lungs, leaving a husband and a young child. She was only twenty-eight years of age and will be buried on Thursday.

A SIX year old son of Mr. Brown, of New Westminster, died at Mr. B. H. Moore's Cedar Hill, on Sunday of diphtheria. To guard against the disease spreading Mr. Hanna disinfected an assistant and had him conduct the funeral for him yesterday morning.

CHRISTMAS eve was happily and pleasantly spent by the Sunday school children of St. Luke's church, Cedar Hill. There was a good attendance at the entertainment provided for the occasion. A very handsome Christmas tree, laden with numerous presents, was the object of much attention. A good programme was furnished.

ONE of the events of New Year's day will be the reception in Temperance hall from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a concert at night in the same place. The programme is in charge of Mr. J. G. Brown, which speaks for itself. Rev. S. Cleaver will occupy the chair. The reception and concert are under the auspices of Perseverance lodge No. 1 and Pride of Ridge lodge No. 37, I.O.G.T.

SHOULD to-day be as fine as yesterday the Caledonian grounds will be in excellent condition for the Association football match to be played between the English and Scotch teams. That the game will attract a large attendance is fully expected and that it will be well contested goes without saying as the teams are the strongest that could possibly be got together under the conditions of nationality.

THE following Northwest Inter-State Fair diplomas have been received by the secretary of the British Columbia Board of Trade: A. C. Flumerfelt, for services rendered; F. Elworthy, ditto; Capt. John Irving, ditto; His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, ditto; His Worship the Mayor, ditto; Brackman & Ker Milling Co., for display of rolled oats; W. J. Pendray, for display of soaps, etc.; Mrs. Brownlee, for display of Swiss tomato sauce.

THE honorary treasurer of the Jubilee hospital, Mr. W. M. Chudley, gratefully acknowledges the receipt of \$243 contributed towards that institution by Mr. W. C. Ward in behalf of Mr. Robert Cox of Edinburgh. Last spring Mr. Cox with his family paid Victoria a visit and while here was shown through the hospital, when, as can readily be concluded by his thoughtful gift, he formed a very high opinion of the institution.

THE Provident Savings and Life Association, of which Mr. S. H. Mateon is general manager for B.C., has dealt very liberally in the settlement of the insurance on the life of the late J. B. Carmichael who was unfortunately drowned some months ago. Of the two policies for \$5,000, one had been applied for but not issued until two days after the news of Mr. Carmichael's death reached the head office, yet the company promptly paid over the full amount to the administrator of the estate.

MR. LOUIS REDON.

Death of the Well Known Proprietor of the Driard Hotel.

Among the well known residents of Victoria, Mr. Louis Redon of the Driard has been especially prominent. As the head of that establishment he has been well known almost the world over, and his personal qualities, particularly those inherited by him as a son of France, attracted to him many of those with whom he daily came in contact. It may be said of him that he made it his business to cultivate his customers and to do his utmost to meet their views whether within his own particular domain as a hotel man or to give them correct ideas as to what they expected on coming to this coast. It has been evident for some years that Mr. Redon was in a delicate condition of health, although he maintained his accustomed cheerfulness and sociability. Something like two years ago he was taken ill and by the advice of Dr. Davis took a trip to the Southern States, returning in apparently good health, but this did not last and at times he has been more or less ailing. Yesterday afternoon feeling somewhat agitated over business matters he went up to his room; but instead of feeling better fainter and did not recover consciousness. Although everything possible was done for him he died at about three o'clock. Mr. Louis Redon was born in Perigueux, France, about fifty-six years ago, and leaves a widow and several brothers, the latter of whom reside in New Orleans. It is something like twenty years since Mr. Redon arrived in British Columbia, shortly afterwards going into the Omineca country, of which he was a pioneer. The estimation in which he was held by the new comers was very great, but like many of them he failed to succeed as a miner, and coming to Victoria connected himself with the Colonial hotel, at that time conducted by Mr. Lucas. About fifteen years since he joined Mr. Hartnagle, of the Driard, and on the latter's death entered into partnership with Mr. Gus Hartnagle. Deceased was a man of more than common enterprise, and readily gave his co-operation and financial assistance to any feasible enterprise calculated to promote the interests of the city and province. Mr. Redon enjoyed considerable personal popularity and his death will be deeply regretted by a large circle of friends who heartily sympathize with the widow in her bereavement.

TRANSFER EMPLOYEES

Present a Token of Appreciation to Superintendent Henderson.

The employees of the Victoria Transfer company did not forget the popular superintendent, Mr. Anton Henderson, in their preparations for a merry Christmas all round, and in token of their appreciation of his constant consideration a deputation last evening waited upon the superintendent and presented to him for Mrs. Henderson a beautiful tea set. Their spokesman was Mr. Joseph Rostein, who read the following address, signed on behalf of all hands:

VICTORIA, Dec. 21th, 1894.

Mr. Anton Henderson:—It is with much pleasure we meet you here this evening, and on behalf of the employees of the Victoria Transfer Co. beg to tender you this small memento as a token of the regard and esteem in which you are held by us all. We ask you to accept it not for its intrinsic value, but for the spirit in which it is given and the good wishes it bears from us for your future welfare. We thank you for the fair, impartial and sympathetic manner in which you have ever dealt with all employees in the fulfillment of your duty as superintendent of the Victoria Transfer Company, and wish you and yours a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

THE Canadian number of the Coal Trade Journal of New York is on the whole a capital issue, giving a general description of the industry in the different provinces. In referring to the cities of the Province, however, it does the next thing to ignoring Victoria, while it devotes considerable space to Vancouver, New Westminster and Nanaimo.

To S. H. Matson Esq., General Manager for British Columbia, Provident Savings Life Assurance Society, Victoria:

DEAR SIR,—I have much pleasure in acknowledging receipt of your Company's cheque for \$5000, in settlement of the late J. B. Carmichael.

I wish particularly to express my appreciation of the prompt and satisfactory manner in which these claims have been paid, one of the policies having been issued two days after the news of the death reached head office. This I consider is a sufficient evidence of the reliability of the Provident Savings, to warrant the confidence of the insuring public.

I also wish to take this opportunity of thanking you personally for your efforts in bringing about a speedy settlement. The fact of the claims having been paid before maturity warrants the statement that you are the people's representative, as well as the company's.

Yours very truly,
C. S. BAXTER,
Adm. Estate of J. B. Carmichael.

Important.

Our Mr. Ker has just returned from a successful trip through the Northwest Territories and Eastern Washington, where he has purchased next year's supply of grain at remarkably low figures. Our customers will get the benefit. The Brackman & Ker Milling Company, Ltd., Victoria and Westminster.

Merrymakers whose pathway lies on Government street to-day should not miss the opportunity afforded by the holiday of dropping in at the glass blower's quarters, between Hibben's and Trowace Alley. Prof. Greiner will be at his best in honor of the occasion, which means something that must be seen to be believed.

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

How the Day Will Be Observed in the Various City Churches.

Special Music and Lovely Decorations Will Mark the Joyous Festival.

With solemn midnight mass Christmas day was ushered in at St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral. Beautiful flowers, evergreens entwining the pillars and festooning the altars, wax tapers shedding a soft light on the representation of the lowly stable where Christ was born in Bethlehem, and the rich robes of the officiating priests, made a very effective scene. At half past eleven the mass began, Bishop Lemmens being assisted by Rev. Father Woods S.J., Rev. Father Michaud, Rev. Father Leterme, Rev. Father Yorke, Rev. Father Nicolay and Rev. Father Van Nevel. Rev. Father Woods preached. The music of the mass was of the high order that is the usual accompaniment of Christmas in the Roman Catholic churches. The choir, under Mr. Lombard, sang magnificently, and the solos were very fine. A great congregation filled the cathedral and heard the grand music, which was rendered as follows:

Adeste Fideles—Choir. Novello Kyrie—Choir. De Monti Gloria—Duet. "Laudamus." Miss Goddard and Mrs. Wilkes; solo. "Propter Magnum." Miss Dolan; solo. "Domine Deus." Madame Laird; solo. "Suscipe." (tenor) Mr. J. G. Bullen; solo. "Quoniam." (tenor) Mr. F. H. Lang; finale. "Gloria Sancto Spiritu." Choir. De Monti Credo—Solo. "Visibilium." Miss Wilson; solo. "Gentium." Mr. E. A. Wolff; duet. "Et in carnatus." Misses McNiffe and Stewart; solo. "Crucifixus." (bass) Mr. F. J. Schell; solo. "Et in Spiritum." Miss McNiffe; solo. "Confiteor." (alto) Miss Stewart; finale. "Et Expecto." Choir. De Monti Offertory—Noel—Solo. Madame Laird; chorus. Choir. De Monti Sanctus—Choir. De Monti O Salutaris—Bass solo. Mr. Grizzelle; chorus. Choir. De Monti Agnus Dei—Solo. Mrs. Schroeder; duet. "Miserere." Miss McNiffe and Mr. Mitchell; finale. "Dona Nobis Pacem." Choir. De Monti Concluding Organ Voluntary—March. Mrs. C. A. Lombard Conducted. Mrs. C. A. Lombard Organist. Mrs. C. A. Lombard

This music will be repeated at the pontifical mass to be celebrated this morning at half-past ten. Both at St. Andrew's and the E. quimal Roman Catholic church there will be low mass this morning from 6 to 7:30.

At Christ Church cathedral holly and evergreens have been used plentifully in pretty and suitable decorations; font, chancel and windows have a pleasant Christmas look, the dark green adornments showing here and there a bright touch of color from the red berries. There will be early service at 7 and 8 o'clock and matins at 11 o'clock with Holy Communion, the music at matins being: Processional hymn—"Christians Awake." Venite. Dr. Crotch Special psalm for the day—"Hark the herald angels sing." Te Deum. Kotschmar in F Benedictus. Dr. Troutbeck Anthem with baritone solo—"There were shepherds." R. G. Gial Hymn—"While shepherds watched." R. G. Gial Hymn—"O Come all ye faithful." Kyrie. Hark the herald angels sing. The decorations at St. John's church are very fine. A chancel screen of evergreens and flowers gives a beautiful effect, while above is a large anchor of evergreens and mountain ash berries. The choir rails and the pillars of the church are daintily entwined with evergreens relieved with white flowers and red berries. The chancel is very handsomely adorned, richness of coloring being effected by shields of red and gold framed in evergreens. There will be service this morning with Holy Communion at 11 o'clock, the following being the music:

Processional—Hymn 61. Crotch in A. Psalm XIX. Oursley in G. McFarron in D. Psalm XLV. Tarie in G. Jackson in F. Jubilate. Jackson in F. Anthem—"Hark the herald angels sing." Hymn 60. Mendelssohn Hymn 322. Hark the herald angels sing. Recessional hymn—"Adeste Fideles." At St. Saviour's church there will be service at 8 a.m., and matins with Holy Communion at 11 a.m.

St. Barnabas church—Services with Holy Communion at 11 a.m. and sermon by the rector, Rev. J. B. Haslam.

At St. Mark's church the decorations have been limited to the chancel alone, the altar being the central feature. A large cross of white relieved with trailing ivy hangs from the dorsal pole and just meets the top of the brass cross on the highest gradine at the back of the altar. On this gradine also stand the six tall vespel lights and eight extra festal lights which stand out grandly from a background of ferns, etc. The second gradine is almost hidden by brass vases of white chrysanthemums, and eight more festal lights interspersed with small vases of ferns and red and white berries. On the altar frontal, stand the massive Eucharistic lights. It may be remembered that all the beautiful brass fixings of the altar were given to St. Mark's by the Rev. W. H. P. Arden's mother in memory of Bishop Hills' work in the diocese. The standard light at the ends of the altar are prettily trimmed with wreathing and also the altar rails. The sanctuary lamp, suspended from the roof, throws a red glimmer through a network of ivy and gives a finishing touch to the chancel decorations. The thanks of the congregation are due to a few ladies who have undertaken the work. The services of the day will consist of a celebration of the

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Holy Eucharist at 11 a.m., at which service Adam's mass in "F" will be sung. At St. Luke's and St. Paul's churches there will be services with Holy Communion at 11 o'clock.

St. James' church has been very prettily decorated. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m., with service and communion at 11 a.m., when the following will be the music:

Hymn—"O, come all ye faithful." Psalm—Special. "Bridgewater in A." Anthem—"It came upon the midnight clear." Sullivan Kyrie. Miller Hymn—"Hark the herald angels sing." Hymn—"While shepherds watched." Sevenfold Amen. Stainer

A beautiful screen of evergreens and berries across the chancel is the great feature of the decorations at the church of Our Lord, R. E. At the eleven o'clock service there will be the following special music: Carol's "Whilst Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" and "Now Lies in David's City." Benedictus, Gladstone. Offertory solo by Mr. W. R. Higgins.

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MARINE MOVEMENTS.

Bark Southern Chief Is Abandoned—The Vessel Wrecked From Stem to Stern.

U. S. Revenue Cutter "Grant"—Steamer "Umatilla" Breaks All Her Previous Records.

PORT TOWNSEND, Dec. 24.—(Special)—The bark Southern Chief became water-logged last Thursday 54 miles south-west of Cape Flattery and was abandoned. The crew were taken off and brought into port by the barkentine Skagit, which arrived here yesterday morning. The Chief loaded 970,000 feet of lumber at Tacoma, and sailed for Port Adelaide, Australia, last Tuesday. The tug Wanderer cast her off on Wednesday afternoon at five o'clock five miles outside of the Cape, before an east southeast wind. She was carrying easy sail, and about three o'clock Thursday morning the wind increased into a moderate gale. The sails were shortened down and by five o'clock the gale was blowing stiff and a heavy sea made the ship labor heavily. The Chief was about fifty miles southwest of the Cape. By seven o'clock the sea had strained the old bark so much that she began to open up fore and aft and to fill, despite the efforts of the steam pump. Captain Plum then ordered the deck lead thrown overboard. The decks opened up and capsized the boiler. When 30,000 feet of lumber had been jettisoned the whole stern of the vessel carried away, every seam appeared to open up and the sea poured freely into the sinking bark. The pumps were of no use. The sea washed the vessel from stem to stern. At noon the wind went down and the crew were on the ship around to the eastward. Her steering gear was gone and it was impossible to get the derelict up to the Cape. On Thursday night a vessel passed close by, which Capt. Plum thought to be the ship C. F. Sargeant; although signals were displayed the vessel did not heave to. The cabin and fore-cabin were flooded and it was impossible to stay by the ship if the weather became any more unsettled. Early Friday morning the barkentine Skagit, from San Pedro for Port Gamble, came along and took the crew on board. Nothing else was taken from the Chief. Only one of her crew, an able seaman, was injured, his leg being slightly jammed.

The Southern Chief was in command of Capt. W. W. Plum, formerly of the bark James Cheston, and his first and second officers were John J. Grant and George Linden. She was built in Bath, Me., in 1857; was 187 feet long, 38 feet in beam and 24 feet deep. For a long time she has been deemed unseaworthy. It was the intention of her owners to have sold her down in Australia this trip. The Chief was valued at \$7,000, uninsured, and the cargo was worth \$10,000, fully covered by insurance. W. H. Talbot and Renton, Holmes & Co. each owned a third. W. H. Boole two-ninths, and one-ninth by the latter's former partner, Middlemans. Captain J. B. Libby, of the Puget Sound tug boat company, sent two tugs out yesterday to find and tow the Chief into port. The weather was calm yesterday off the Cape and it is quite likely that she will be picked up.

The United States revenue cutter Grant, which the secretary of the treasury recently ordered out to search for the missing and overdue vessels that are supposed to have met with disaster off the Northwest coast, after being at sea twenty-four hours, returned to port yesterday morning, and was surprised to learn of the loss of the bark Southern Chief. Shipping men generally condemn what they describe as the burlesque search made by the Grant on several occasions recently, and have sent a petition to Washington asking that Captain Tezler be transferred to some other station and that a commander be assigned to the Grant who will make efforts to assist vessels in distress. THE "UMATILLA" AS A RECORD BREAKER. The Umatilla arrived from California at 3.15 o'clock yesterday, completing the fastest trip she has ever made from San Francisco. She had, too, the smallest freight for Victoria she has ever brought here, amounting in all to but twenty tons. Her passenger list for this port was correspondingly small, the names upon it being as follows: P. E. Linsey, Mrs. C. J. Robinson, Miss M. Goodwin, Miss A. Goodwin. This list is similar in size to that outward by the Walla Walla, which sailed last evening. The names appearing on the latter list are: Mrs. H. R. Clarke, Miss A. Harrison, Harry Trotter and Lee Do Sing.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The following was recently published in a class paper which circulates around Wall street: We have seen a letter just received from one of the largest banking houses in Holland. It says: We are now prepared to negotiate for first-class railroad securities in the United States on a 5 or 6 per cent. basis. The road must be completed. Also for any first class manufacturing establishment. Also for any first class gold mine, in one of the Pacific States preferred. The gentleman who received this letter has very recently returned from Europe. He says money is abundant abroad, and there has been a remarkable gain in confidence because of a fact which, while well known there, does not seem to be known here. It is that after the present Czar of Russia took the oath of office he made a personal pledge to the Rothschilds that there should be no war in Europe for at least two years. The Rothschilds have a similar pledge from other rulers, and are very confidently investing their money as the result of it. Sooner or later this money will turn into American investments. My own experience does not confirm the statement that Europe is afraid of our currency system. My friends are satisfied that in due course of time America will right itself in that line.

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PRACTICAL FEDERATION.

Canadian Officers in the Imperial Service—The Royal Canadian Regiments.

Noticing the appointment of Gentleman Cadet Frederick Christian Heneker, from the Royal Military College, Kingston, to a commission in the Prince of Wales' Regiment (Royal Canadians) the Naval and Military Gazette says: "The appointment of a cadet from the Royal Military College at Kingston, Canada, to a commission in the Prince of Wales' Regiment (Royal Canadians), which was announced in the London Gazette of last Tuesday, is a very appropriate way to foster an interest in this regiment among our fellow subjects in the Dominion. Although the primary title of this gallant regiment is associated with a province of Ireland, yet its original connection with Canada cannot be overlooked, and indeed many arguments might be adduced in favor of the restoration of its headquarters to Canadian soil. Although the officers and soldiers of the Royal Canadians are almost to a man recruited from the mother country, yet their sympathies are largely with the colonial origin of their regiment, and they have openly expressed their desire that the maple leaf might find a place on their head gear and collars. But although we advocate the restoration of this regiment to its native soil, we by no means desire to see it sever its connection with the regular Imperial army. On the contrary, its return to Canada might be made the first step towards the realization of the ardent dream of many for giving practical effect to the idea of Imperial Federation. With their own regiment to care for, the Canadians would find a new interest in their military college, and instead of a few isolated cases of appointments to the Imperial army it would be our pleasure to record more numerous selections from the youth of Canada to add strength to our forces and promote the unity of Imperial defence."

The First Battalion (100th Foot) Royal Canadians, were to embark at Bombay on the 20th instant for conveyance to England after a long-extended tour of Indian service.

The Second Battalion (109th Foot) Royal Canadians, leave Aldershot camp shortly for service at Malta.

CHRISTMASTIDE.

Old and Young Prepared to Enjoy the Holiday Season in Victoria.

A Glance at Crowded Streets and Gaily Decked Shop Windows.

Neither calendar nor almanac has been needed for a week past to inform any citizen of Victoria that Christmas is at hand. The fact was noisily proclaimed by the joyous small boy; eagerly whispered by his quieter but none the less excited sister; and emphasized by the crowds of big people and little people filling the streets in the evening—ever changing, always smiling and superlatively good natured. Back and forward they passed last evening, thronging the stores and filling the streets. St. Nicholas had not lost his magic power, and for once in the year gray-haired men and careworn women felt themselves young again and plunged into the Christmas preparations with all the eager enthusiasm of childhood. Business perplexities and ill fortunes were forgotten, the stern struggle of all the rest of the year was abandoned and peace and goodwill was everyone's thought for his neighbor. It was wonderful how contagious Christmas kindly feeling is and how beneficial.

Victoria's streets were this Christmas eve at their best—not the streets themselves, for they were swimming as usual, but the stores, and the people and most of all, the store windows. Every shopkeeper had apparently determined to let the world know his sentiments so far as Christmas was concerned, and those who had little to display that is beautiful were quite as successful in explaining their loyalty to Christmas as were their more fortunate fellow tradesmen. The carefully entwined sprays of green and contrasting tissue papers bringing into relief six bottles of machine oil in the window of a Douglas street repair shop, bespoke the true Christmas spirit just as plainly as the electrical wonders in the drug store windows.

And weren't the drug stores radiant? Porous plasters, pills and paregoric were relegated to the dustiest shelves and all the treasures of fancy bottles and pretty toilet articles were given the highest place of honor. Even the children, who are after all the best judges when Christmas is concerned, felt in justice bound to agree that the drug stores looked very pretty.

This judgment does not, however, show any faltering in allegiance toward the toy stores on the part of the little folks—bugles and jumping jacks and candies and nuts and oranges must always be a part of Christmas itself with the children. The toys this year are "advanced" quite noticeably. There are trumpets and rocking-horses and dolls of course, but not so many "as there used to be." The imitative small boy wants to enjoy some of the sensations of his father, and the science and invention of the century must therefore play their part for his entertainment, and give him miniature electric cars to replace the faithful rocking horse, and a magic lantern for the kaleidoscope.

The grocers and the fruiterers vie with each other; the poultryers, the tobaccoists, the clothiers, everyone—even the undertaker—has done his share of decoration this year, and everyone deserves full credit. After all, however, the brave show that excites the most wondering admiration is the good British display of the meat markets—their overflowing stacks of prime material for the Christmas dinner give a comfortable sense of enough and to spare.

Roasts and steaks, turkeys in undress and sides of beef may not be artistic in the abstract, but arrayed in all their holiday grandeur they make a bonnie sight. There is certainly an expression of smiling content about the veals and porkers, each seemingly petrified in the act of smoking its own particular little cornucopia pipe; and what can be more Christmas-like than turkeys blessed with long necks in order the better to display their tissue paper collars?

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All men and women who by native justice of mind or acquired freedom from prejudice have been able to consider the matter in the abstract must have become convinced that the tendency to judge a person merely by his collected treasures of book learning is an erroneous one, and that the idea of connecting the term "education" solely with schools and colleges is false. Education in its best sense means not the cramming in of a knowledge of accomplished facts, but a drawing out and development of natural powers. A woman may be an excellent Greek scholar. She may be informed as to the successive events of history and science; she may have had as thorough an education in the technical sense of the word as she is capable of receiving, yet she may be as narrow minded, as faulty in her mode of thought and as lacking in wisdom as if she did not know the alphabet. In fact, in the broader sense, she has absolutely no education, because other persons' thoughts have been forced into her head instead of her own ideas being recognized and encouraged to develop. Strength and decision of character, quick reasoning powers and keen observation are as desirable results of a course of training as a knowledge of ancient history and the differential calculus. One of the commonest of errors, especially among women, is that of assuming that education consists in the heaping up of pieces of information, and that a person who has not an unflinching supply of facts at his tongue's end is stupid, unrefined and inferior. Mere scholarship, although an advantage, is a superficial one. Unaided it cannot make a narrow mind broad nor an undecided character decided. To institute it as the standard by which to judge the depth and mental power of one's friends is to make a mistake for which a lifetime can sometimes not atone.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

I have seized and will sell the undermentioned property in front of my office, at the Court House, Bastion Square, on Friday, the 28th day of December, 1894, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, under a writ of fieri facias issued out of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, the 20th day of December, 1894, at the suit of John Clarke, Jr., vs. John Clark Clarke, Sr., to levy \$3175.25, and for \$3.50 for costs of execution and interest on \$3175.25 at 1 per cent. per annum from 20th day of December, 1894, until payment, besides sheriff's poundage and all other legal expenses. Also under writ of fi. fa. issued out of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, the 23rd day of December, 1894, at the suit of Isaac Hennigar vs. John Clarke, the elder, to levy \$727.50, and \$3.50 for costs of execution, etc., Terms cash.

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TIME TABLE No. 21.

To take effect at 8.00 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1, 1894. Trains run on Pacific Standard Time.

STATIONS.	NORTH BOUND (Read Up)		SOUTH BOUND (Read Down)	
	No. 3 Pass. Daily	No. 4 Pass. Daily	No. 2 Pass. Daily	No. 1 Pass. Daily
Esquimalt	7.00 A.M.	7.00 A.M.	7.00 P.M.	7.00 P.M.
Victoria	7.15 A.M.	7.15 A.M.	7.15 P.M.	7.15 P.M.
Langford	7.30 A.M.	7.30 A.M.	7.30 P.M.	7.30 P.M.
Collierville	7.45 A.M.	7.45 A.M.	7.45 P.M.	7.45 P.M.
Goldstream	8.00 A.M.	8.00 A.M.	8.00 P.M.	8.00 P.M.
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CHRISTMAS IN THE POLAR REGIONS.

(A reminiscence.)

The Polar expedition of 1875 left Portsmouth on the 29th of May, and on the 25th of August arrived at Lady Franklin Sound in lat. 81° 45'. A snug anchorage having been found close to the shore in a beautiful and well sheltered bay, it was decided that the Discovery should remain there for the winter, while the Alert should push on as far as possible to the North. On the day of their arrival a herd of nine musk oxen was sighted, the whole of which were shot by the officers and the meat divided between the two ships. The next day the Alert "parted company" and the Discovery heard nothing of her till the following spring, although she advanced no greater a distance towards the Pole than seventy miles by the coast line or fifty in a straight line, having been beset by the heavy Polar ice while still inside Robeson channel and there kept prisoner between a grounded floe berg and the beach till the following summer; and as the ice in Robeson channel was moving southward the whole winter no communication was possible, although Lieut. Wyatt Rawson, a Canadian (who was afterwards fatally wounded in the Egyptian campaign and died at Malta) and a sledge crew were taken north for that purpose.

On the 1st of September the Discovery was frozen in and on the 5th it was possible to walk ashore on the ice. At this time all streams had ceased running, and wherever there had been a pond of fresh water there was good skating. Immediate preparations were made for the winter, and a depot of provisions and stores was formed ashore in case any accident happened to the ship. All the sledge dogs, about twenty in number, were landed, and four sheep that had been brought from England were landed also, the dogs in one pen and the sheep in another; but directly the dogs were placed in their pen they jumped over the fence and worried the sheep so that they had to be killed at once; after which the dogs were allowed their liberty. On the 16th of October the sun was seen for the last time for the year, his upper limit just showing above the hills in Beesley Bay, although for the next day or two the sunlight tipped the southern faces of the hills to the north. After this the darkness deepened rapidly, and by the end of the month most of the stars were visible at noon. A little snow fell occasionally, but not much, as only about two feet fell during the whole winter, and by Christmas there was somewhat less than a foot. The men shovelled the snow away on a track a mile long and about 8 feet wide, starting from the ship and returning in a somewhat circular direction, and as this was kept clear the whole winter walking exercise could be taken at all times. The 5th of November, Guy Fawkes day, was celebrated by the ship's company in the old-fashioned style, a "guy" with squibs and crackers in his inside being placed on a sledge and dragged in procession round the ship, headed by the drum and fife band. A bon fire with an old tar barrel on it was lighted and the guy was placed on top. Humorous speeches were made; there was dancing to the band and the squibs and crackers went off amidst general hilarity. This took place on a dark, cloudy afternoon, the lurid flames, with the men surrounding and the ship as a background, forming a scene not easily forgotten.

During the early part of December the sky being generally overcast the darkness at noon was as great as at midnight. The moon rose on the 4th and set on the 16th, but owing to the frozen moisture in the air she generally appeared as a bright patch in the sky, at which times we had those Arctic lunar phenomena, para-selenas—rings and crosses; which had a very pretty and novel effect. When the sky was clear she shone in full splendor, and bright moonlight for a week at a stretch formed one of the most unique and interesting of the sights that are peculiar to high latitudes.

The temperature gradually became more severe till the greatest cold—54°—was reached on the 24th, and it remained about the same till the end of the year, although the minimum temperature of the winter was not reached till the first week in March, when the thermometer registered 72°. The young ice had only reached a thickness of two feet at Christmas, possibly the tidal currents having something to do with this slow increase, in fact the warmth of the water striking through the ice kept the lower part of the snow soft, while the cold air formed a hard crust about two inches thick on the surface, through which people's feet broke when about half their weight was placed on it; the jerk together with the exertion of pulling their feet out of the hole made rendered walking on the ice both difficult and exhausting.

This year Christmas day fell on a Saturday and the slumbers of the officers were rudely dispelled by the church choir under the leadership of Sergeant Willington, R. M.A., with his litina, singing "While shepherds watched their flocks by night." It was perfectly dark and no one but the men had any idea of the time, but it transpired afterwards that it was about 4 o'clock. The men had already been to Captain Stephenson's cabin at 6, and after singing in the ward room they went on the lower deck and sang two more hymns, their voices sounding mellow through the bulk-heads. There was no more sleep, for memories of boyhood's Christmas, with the waits and parties, Christmas, at sea and in foreign ports, Christmas, at home, and thoughts as to what was transpiring at home on this Christmas day passed along in succession till it seemed a relief when the familiar sounds of the cooks and servants preparing for the duties of the day and lights appearing proclaimed the time for turning out. The morning was clear and starlight, and the only sound that broke the stillness outside our microcosm being an occasional cracking noise of the tide breaking the ice along the shore or a snarl amongst the dogs. There was no sickness in the ship and the greatest good nature prevailed. The mess mustered for inspection as on a Sunday, after which there was church service, Christmas hymns being sung and an appropriate sermon preached by the chaplain, Rev. Chas. Hodson. This took place on the lower deck amidst the smell of the various viands that were in the process of cooking at the ship's galley, which was situated for the sake of the

warmth in this part of the ship. This was a mistake, however, for the fumes and steam given off pervaded the lower deck at all times during the day, the former when such joints as musk ox were cooking being very noxious, while the latter condensed on the beams and deck above and dropped off on the men's heads or down their necks. But as condensation on the beams took place everywhere in the ship where there was any warmth it was customary to wipe the drops off the beams in the cabins before the occupants retired to rest, otherwise they would most probably be startled in the night by an immense drop falling on their ear or on their nose. The following example will show how the moisture condensed and froze. In the month of March when the light had sufficiently advanced to enable people to see during some hours of the day Lieut. Rawson was sent with a dog-sledge, to open communication between the two ships (a ten days' journey each way), and on his arrival at the Discovery he proceeded to take down some articles he had stowed on shelves overhead before he left the ship the previous August, when to his astonishment, he found them frozen to a solid mass. This was particularly disappointing in the case of packets of matches, but did not matter much if it were a pair of boots or a towel. During the cold weather the heads of bolts through the knees and planks were covered with a bottom of ice that had to be removed occasionally.

But to resume—After church the men proceeded to decorate their messes. Photographs of friends at home were produced and placed to the best advantage, while any articles of an ornamental kind were brought in to add to the decorations. Extra provisions were served out from the ship's stores, and as the principal joints consisted of roast (musk-ox) beef and mutton that had been hanging in that capacious cold storage, the air, since the end of August; and the plum puddings were brought from home, there was little apparent difference between Christmas on the lower deck in the Polar regions and in the Tropics, except that this was spent entirely by lamp light. While preparations for dinner were proceeding, a variety of presents that had been sent on board by friends in England and Queenstown for distribution at this time, were opened out. One large box consisted of useful articles, such as mitts, comforters, knives, etc., while another consisted altogether of toys. The latter were served out first, and it was quite amusing to see a marine or bluejacket playing with a jack-in-the-box or a monkey or a stick, a whistle or a trumpet. Mine was a man with heavy arms that revolved rapidly when a string was pulled. I put it carefully away in a drawer and gave it to the little daughter of the Governor of Greenland, at Egedesmenne, when the ship returned South the following year. The other boxes it was thought best to put away till the evening. At noon, Captain Stephenson, accompanied by the officers, as is the usual custom at Christmas on men-of-war, went the rounds of the lower deck, and found everything in readiness for the signal to commence. "The Roast Beef of Old England" was sung by the glee club, and then "God Save the Queen" by all hands. Three cheers were given for the Captain, then three more for the expedition with such heartiness that the very beams echoed again, after which the men were left to enjoy their dinners. We had an Esquimaux hunter with us named Hans Hendrich, a native of Proven, who had been with Kane and Hayes in their expeditions, and also with Captain Hall; on which expedition he had his wife and family with him, all of whom formed that part of the ship's company who had spent the winter on a floe, and in the spring were rescued by a sealer and taken to St. John's, Newfoundland. This Hans was a great meat eater, so great that when he was placed in a mess with the petty officers, they petitioned for his removal, on the ground that he was eating them out of house and home. He was removed and given a double allowance of meat. As at this time he was in his element, and as there was no stint, he of all others enjoyed his Christmas dinner.

The officers' dinner time was 2:30, and the interval was spent by them in various ways. Some went for a ramble in the starlight, some (the Campanalogical Club) played on the hand bells, while others sang at the piano. The novelties at the officers' table consisted of fish (perhaps Fraser river), mutton cutlets, haunch of mutton, roast turkey (roasted in England), green peas and other vegetables (canned, of course), plum pudding (made at home), and the usual dessert. Thus with mirth and good humor the afternoon quickly passed.

In the evening the remainder of the Christmas presents were distributed, but as these consisted of useful articles, there was more pleasure in their receipt.

The officers had tea about 6:30, after which there was a concert on the lower deck, and as there was no lack of musical talent, the piano being played by Dr. Coppinger, "out lights" came all too quickly, and this terminated our Christmas in the Polar regions.

D. CARTMEL, R.N.

THE THERMOMETER.

ESQUIMAULT STATION, Dec. 23, 1894.
Report for 24 hours ending 9 p.m.

Time	Mean	The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
1 a.m.	40°	
5 a.m.	40°	
9 a.m.	40°	5 a.m.—Calm.
1 p.m.	41°	1 p.m.—Calm.
5 p.m.	42°	9 p.m.—Calm.
9 p.m.	41°	Rain—.03

Average state of weather—Cloudy.

ESQUIMAULT STATION, Dec. 24, 1894.

Time	Mean	The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
1 a.m.	40°	
5 a.m.	39°	
9 a.m.	39°	5 a.m.—Calm.
1 p.m.	42°	1 p.m.—Calm.
5 p.m.	39°	9 p.m.—Calm.
9 p.m.	38°	Rain—.01

Average state of weather—Cloudy.

Sunshine—5 hr. 20 min.

E. HAYNES REED, Observer.

A CHRISTMAS AT SEA.

In November, 1870, I shipped as first officer on board the bark Annie McNair, then lying in the port of Richibucto, N. B., Laurence Hall, master. We were loaded with lumber and bound for Gloucester, Eng., and after waiting some few days for a chance to cross the bar we finally commenced our voyage on December 2, with a strong, fair wind, down the Straits of Northumberland, and through the Gut of Canso, when we were fairly launched on the Atlantic, which at that time of the year is not generally as smooth as a mill-pond. The wind still favored us, but increased in strength all the time, until we were running under reefed foresail, lower main topsail and fore topmast staysail. The glass kept steadily falling, and the wind hauling to the eastward we were compelled to leave her to. Those who have sailed much in that stormy region will know how quickly the wind will jump from the southeast to northwest and that it is advisable to be prepared. Consequently we were hoisted on to the starboard tack.

This was on the 10th. There was a tremendous sea running, which every now and then would break over us with fearful force, until the 12th, when the climax came. This climax was the loss of our bowsprit jibboom with all attached. This carried away with it our fore-topmast and the head of the foremast, just above the eyes of the rigging; our mainmast and all above it went to keep the rest company. We got the wreck cleared by cutting away what gear and rigging we could, and at about eight bells the next morning the sea, not content with what damage it had done, paid us another visit in the shape of a huge comb, coming over aback the fore rigging and completely gutting the cabin and so quickly as not to give us a chance to get anything to the foreward house. In fact the captain's wife, who was with us, did not save a pair of boots, as we hurried her from her room with what few articles of dress we could grab in the hurry.

Fortunately the forward house had been built with the frame of the ship and not merely bolted to the frame as many used to be. We got her there as quickly as we could, and I must say a braver little woman never went to sea, for she neither fainted nor shrieked, but acted like a sensible woman and as a captain's wife should. To our dismay, we found the bark making water, although she was a new vessel. I at once gave the cook orders to get all the beef and pork cooked that he could, and it is well that I did so. The third mate went to the lazarette to get up some barrels of bread, while the second mate and crew were making preparations to get the deck load overboard. This was accomplished in time.

The next morning we with great difficulty got a spare main yard overboard with a hawser bent to it to act as a drag to keep her head up to the wind, yet that did not prevent another visit from King Neptune, and this time the gally range was completely broken to pieces, hardly a piece one foot square escaping. That left us without fire or a chance to cook any more.

Still our troubles were not at an end, for the bark had made so much water that the decks commenced to have a decided crown in them, so we were forced to take off the hatches and let the air escape and prevent our decks from bursting open.

Most of the water had been from the deck, the hull being as sound as could be, so we got to work on the pumps, and after three days and two nights succeeded in getting her freed. The wind having moderated, we made what sail we could and proceeded toward our destination. By this time our cooked provisions were exhausted and we had to come down to raw pork and biscuit. But what a feast we had Christmas day! As good luck would have it, one of the crew found a few dry matches; then there was rejoicing. And how carefully we guarded these matches until we got some dry shavings and made a small fire on the cabin floor (which was like one big room—not a partition in it), and each one had a pointed stick and a piece of pork roasting on the end of it! That indeed was a royal feast—roast turkey never tasted better—for those who had been subsisting for seventeen days on raw pork.

However, all things must have an ending, and we finally made Penarth Roads, where the captain at once took his wife ashore and sent us off provisions.

Since then I have spent many a Christmas at sea, some pleasant ones in different parts of the world, but never have I had such a tough one as on my first voyage as first mate.

O. G. HARBELL.

MARINE NOTES.

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MRS. DR. C. H. PARKHURST.

Sketch of the Wife of the New York Reformer.

Mrs. Parkhurst, the wife of Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst of New York, is a refreshing exponent of the "new woman" in the best sense of that much abused term. "My interests have always been identical with those of my husband, as every wife's should be," she said me not long ago as we chatted in her pleasant home. "I think, however, the time has come for women to participate more actively, take more vital interest in public affairs, keep informed relative to all public measures pertaining to the welfare of the family and society at large. But I have never ventured beyond home and church duties until the organization of the Woman's Municipal league, which I have addressed several times in an informal way," she added modestly.

Personally Mrs. Parkhurst is a large, handsomely proportioned woman in the prime of life. She has gentle hazel eyes and dark hair plentifully sprinkled with gray, which she wears brushed softly from the brow and coiled simply on the top of a well shaped head. Hers is a face to command respect while it wins con-



MRS. CHARLES H. PARKHURST.

fidence. Her voice is "low and gentle." She speaks directly and has an easy command of language and a manner that puts the stranger at ease.

Mrs. Parkhurst was a banker's daughter of Northampton, Mass., where her girlhood passed.

As Ella Bodman she attended the Williston seminary, Easthampton. In her teacher she met her future husband. At the end of two years they were married. The professor having decided to become a minister, the youthful couple sailed for Leipzig, where Dr. Parkhurst's theological studies were completed. His first call was to Lenox, Mass., where began Mrs. Parkhurst's discipline as a minister's wife. From this rural district the doctor was called in 1880 to one of the wealthiest and most influential churches of New York—the Madison Square Presbyterian.

Since Dr. Parkhurst actively espoused the cause of municipal reform the social charm of pastoral duties, the domestic privacy of their charming home, has been ruthlessly invaded. Mrs. Parkhurst housed in her home one night last winter nearly 100 fallen women. She was the doctor's amanuensis until his correspondence preceding the Lenox legislative investigating committee became so onerous that the services of a professional secretary were imperative. It is Mrs. Parkhurst who has sustained the celebrated divine in the darkest hours of persecution, when every mail brought letters threatening his life and the press misunderstood his motives and in some cases maligned them. It is she who screens him now from importunate visitors, patiently listens to every tale of woe, makes appointments and welcomes or sends away every caller with a smile or a word of hope and comfort.

Mrs. Parkhurst, despite the publicity that has been thrust upon her, is a very domestic woman. The family residence, which is a pleasant walk from the church, is under her personal surveillance. Sunday evenings she prepares tea herself in their up stairs sitting room. It is the one sorrow of her life that she have no children. She is an inveterate traveler and every summer accompanies the doctor in his Alpine mountain climbs, the one recreation that recuperates him for his arduous duties as popular pastor and aggressive social reformer.

LIDA ROSE McCABE.

Must Be a Wearing Life.

To some the term "well groomed woman" only suggests a lavish use of soap and water and constant hair brushing. It means more. No one can attain personal cleanliness unless one be willing to be extravagant in regard to clean clothes, a private bath, druggist's supplies and individual toilet articles.

"Well groomed" means a Turkish bath every other week, one milk bath on the alternate week and two hot baths every seven days to induce beauty sleep; every morning a sponge or shower bath, with a rub of alcohol; the services of a manicure and hairdresser each day, for it takes the maid's time to brush and keep in repair the garments. An occasional visit to a dentist must not be overlooked, a moderate consumption of health giving viands and plenty of exercise must be adhered to in order to keep that look which every gentleman values.

MAUD JAMES CHILTON.

Dear Mrs.—I have used Yellow Oil for two or three years, and think it has no equal for croup, Mrs. J. S. O'Brien, Huntsville, Ont.

NOTICES.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

The undersigned will make loans from \$1 to \$1,000 on any approved security.

VICTORIA LOAN OFFICE,

133 Government Street, Southgate, Deceased.

NOTICE

In the Matter of the Estate of Joseph Johnson Southgate, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all creditors and persons having any claims against the estate of Joseph Johnson Southgate, deceased, are hereby required to send in particulars thereof to Messrs. Pemberton & Son, Fort street, Victoria, on or before the 1st day of January, A.D. 1895, and notice is hereby also given that after that day the Executors of the Will of the said deceased will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which the said Executors shall then have notice, and that they will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person of whose debt or claim they shall not then have had notice.

Dated at Victoria, this 1st day of December, A.D. 1894.

DRAKE, JACKSON & HELMCKEN,

Solicitors for Alexander Munro and Frederick Bernard Pemberton, the Executors. del-im

Re MARGARET BOYCE LANG, Deceased.

Pursuant to the Trustees and Executors Act, notice is hereby given that all creditors and other persons having any debts, claims, or demands upon or against the estate of Margaret Boyce Lang of Golden, British Columbia, who died on the 16th day of July, 1894, and of whose estate letters of administration were granted on the 16th day of November, 1894, to Alfred Cornelius Flumfeldt, of Victoria, are hereby required to send in the particulars of their claims or demands, duly verified, to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of January, 1895, after which date the administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the debts, claims and demands of which he shall then have had notice; and for the assets or any part thereof so administered or distributed he will not be liable to any person of whose debt, claim or demand he shall not then have had notice. And all persons indebted to the estate of the said deceased are required forthwith to pay the amount of their debts respectively to the said administrator.

Dated the 28th day of November, 1894.

EBERTS & TAYLOR,

30 Langi y street, Victoria,

Solicitors for the said Administrator, no29-1m.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that we intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners of the City of Victoria at its next session for a transfer of the license issued to us to sell liquors by retail upon the premises known as the Germania Saloon, situated on the northwest corner of Government and Johnson streets, in the City of Victoria, to Robert Rither.

Dated this day the 21st of November, 1894.

LOEWEN & ERB.

NOTICE.

Persons owning property on streets along which sewers are now being laid are requested to furnish information at the office of the City Engineer as to the manner in which they wish their premises connected with the public sewers.

E. A. WILMOT,

City Engineer.

September 10, 1894. del-1f

NOTICE

King's Road, between Douglas and First Streets, is closed to public traffic till further notice.

E. A. WILMOT,

City Engineer.

December 13, 1894. del-1f

NOTICE.

Yates Street, between Broad and Government Streets, is closed to public traffic.

E. A. WILMOT,

City Engineer.

September 10, 1894. del-1f

NOTICE.

Fort Street, between Wharf and Langley Streets, is closed to public traffic till further notice.

E. A. WILMOT,

City Engineer.

December 12, 1894. del-1f

Bank of British Columbia.

SAVINGS BANK DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE TO DEPOSITORS.

From 1st January, 1895, and until further notice, the rate of interest allowed on Savings Bank Deposits by this Bank will be three per cent. (3 per cent.) per annum.

GEORGE GILLESPIE,

Manager.

Bank of British Columbia,

Victoria, 28th November, 1894. no28

BANK OF MONTREAL.

SAVINGS BANK DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE TO DEPOSITORS.

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A. J. C. GALLETTY,

Manager.

Victoria, 28th November, 1894. no28

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".....	Etruria.....Jan 5
American Line.....	Berlin.....Dec 26
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".....	Africaria.....Jan 9
North Ger. Lloyd.....	Ems.....Jan 1
".....	Trave.....Jan 8
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COMMENCES TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4.

We have secured for our Christmas Sale the following lines, which together with various lots now in stock at greatly reduced prices, will give our customers the opportunity of buying

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385 doz Silk Handkerchiefs, embroidered and drawn work, 10c, 12½c and 15c. Special values in White Lawn and Linen at 75c and \$1.15 for the half dozen.

Art Silks at \$1, usual \$1.25 quality, new patterns, just to hand. Doylies, Tray Cloths, Runners, etc., stamped, ready for working, new patterns.

Linen Goods, Napkins, Runners, Tray Cloths, etc., slightly soiled, considerably reduced.

Down Pillows, covered sateen and silk, all qualities, 25c to \$5. Down Pillows, Cosies, Head Rests, etc., covered white muslin, all shapes and sizes.

We have lately received New Trimmed Millinery, also New

Fancy Articles, made up—Toilet Sets, Handkerchief Cases, Chair Backs, etc., etc., very large assortment at close prices.

Belding's and Brainerd's Armstrong's Silk Cords, etc.

Ladies' Aprons, various new styles, from 25c. Cooking Aprons, 25c. Children's Pinafores, 25c to 75c.

Children's Crepon Dresses, for afternoon wear, at below cost of making. Children's Coats grey and fawn, trim'd fur, very special value at \$1.35. Ladies' Stuff Blouses, very cheap lines, 75c to \$1.15. Silk Blouses greatly reduced.

35 doz. Corsets, white and drab, usual selling price \$2.75, all new goods just in; we sell them this month at \$1.50.

Silk Surahs, all shades; Shot Surahs, 15 shades; Colored Moires, 15 shades; in fact about half our Silk stock at the ridiculous price of 50c per yard; special value in good Black Silks in dress pieces.

Dress Materials, double width, 12½c, 15c, 25c, 40c, etc., etc. These lines are bargains. French Opera Flannels, 25c., all wool.

Pure Silk Hosiery—Ladies', \$1.25, \$2.95 and \$3.75 per pr. Children's' at 45c, 55c and 65c.

Ladies' Wool Underwear, 45c, 85c, \$1.15; very special value.

In Down Quilts and Blankets we have made special prices. 75 Kensington Carpet Squares (3x3 yds to 4x5 yds), just in this week, from \$1.90 per Square. Door Mats, 50c, 60c and 75c.

Untrimmed Felt Hats, Walking Hats and Sailor's Hats, which, as the season is advancing, have been marked with a very small margin of profit.

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FIVE CASES JUST UNPACKED. SEE WINDOWS

Our stock of Jackets, Golf Capes, Cloth Capes, Fur Capes, Wrappers, Tea Gowns, Children's Ulsters and Reefers, Mackintoshes, Ladies' Costumes, Ladies' and Gent's Dressing Gowns, all re-marked at prices that will clear them out before Xmas.

D. SPENCER,

GOVERNMENT STREET.

TERMS CASH.

PLANS FOR FILTRATION.

Competition to Be Asked in Place of Appointing Mr. Hawks as Proposed.

Premium for Best Plan—A Cistern Which Will Not Hold Water.

A full meeting of the city council, with Mayor Teague presiding, transacted business as follows last evening:

A letter from John Kelly of the New Westminster fire department, asking for the position of fire alarm superintendent, was referred to the committee with the remark that the writer appears to have been misinformed as to the intention to make the appointment.

Schultz & Morphy wrote that they have been instructed by Miss Margaret Holmes to bring suit against the corporation for \$2,500 on account of injuries sustained by reason of alleged culpable negligence in connection with the sidewalk on Fernwood road opposite Oddfellows' hall. Referred to streets committee.

M. Wolff, secretary Nanaimo waterworks company, asked whether the Victoria corporation can supply them with 1,200 feet of 6 inch pipe, and what would be the price. Referred to waterworks committee.

The Vancouver manager of the William Hamilton Manufacturing Co. applied for payment of \$5 per cent. of the amount of their tender of \$1,150 in connection with the electric light station, and also for return of their deposit of \$800, as the greater part of the plant is either on the site, or at the C. P. N. wharf awaiting the preparation of the site for its reception. Referred to committee.

Thomas Shaw, of the Albion Iron Works, reported a satisfactory test of the four boilers at the electric light station.

J. L. Stanford, of the City Plumbing Company, offered to make the water connection from the street to the engine room of the light station for \$75. Filed, as the work is to be done by the corporation employees.

Eberts & Taylor, city barristers, wrote with reference to the best course to be pursued in the matter of the land traversed by the Victoria & Sidney railway at Elk lake; and also respecting the application to file a map of part of the Oaklands estate. Referred to committee.

Chief Deasy, of the fire department, wrote reporting the defective condition of the cistern, for fire purposes, at the junction of Yates and Government streets. It had been emptied for the convenience of the sewerage contractor, but though three times filled since will not hold water. The business part of the city is dependent on this cistern in case of fire. Referred to fire wardens with power to act.

Mrs. Hamilton complained that the box drain on North Park street is too high to drain her lot, and asked that it be lowered. Referred to sewerage committee and engineer for report.

Joseph Larbonne and seven others resident on Pandora street complained of the defective condition of the sewer, resulting in cellars being full of water. Referred to sewerage committee for report.

The home committee reported recommending the admission of Duncan Cameron to the home for the aged and infirm. Adopted. The water committee recommended with respect to the Albion Iron Works cheque for \$1,170, that it be returned as requested, provided that the bond to be given in substitution be the personal bond of Mr. James Dunsuir—but mentioning that Mr. Dunsuir has declined to give such a bond. Report adopted.

The streets committee recommended that Cook street be improved between Scoresby and Bellot streets, as requested by A. W. Jones and others, and that attention be given to the matters dealt with in the communications of Wm. Somerville and seven others respecting the opening up of Catherine street; Mrs. D. W. Adon, re condition of Ontario street; the secretary J. B. A. A., re drain nuisance and crossing; H. D. Helmcken, re Vancouver street drain nuisance; and A. W. More & Co., re sidewalk on the south side of Francis avenue. Also that tenders be called for, to be received until January 7, for the removal of the fence opposite the property of Messrs. Turner and Pearce on Fort street, and receivable up to the same date for the raising of the sidewalk on the south side of Yates street below Government. Also the purchase of a quantity of broken stone on Colinton street. Report adopted.

The court room at the city hall was fixed as the polling place for the election of school trustees on January 17 next.

THE FILTRATION WORKS. ALD. DWYER moved, seconded by Ald. Ledingham, the acceptance of the offer of A. McL. Hawks (of the 3rd inst.) to act with the City Engineer as consulting engineer in connection with the filtration works, to make plans and preliminary estimates, and to make at least five visits in connection with the supervision of the work when in progress, for a remuneration of 25

per cent. of the cost of the undertaking. The mover argued in favor of his motion.

ALD. MUNN opposed the proposition, holding that there is plenty of home talent available, and also questioning the value of the testimonials offered by Mr. Hawks as any evidence of his expertise in the matter of filtration works. Though all specially prepared for the occasion, none of them declare his practical knowledge of waterworks affairs. He thought it would be showing extraordinary confidence in an entire stranger to give him carte blanche as proposed. He was not at all sure that Mr. Hawks is not simply a faddist in his idea of upward filtration.

ALD. LEDINGHAM gave his reasons for seconding the motion, declaring that he had written to the Post-Intelligencer of Seattle, which had written up the Tacoma waterworks affair, and got an answer in no way damaging to Mr. Hawks. While opposed to giving to an outsider work which could be done by our own citizens he had not heard one other name yet suggested.

ALD. HUMPHREY would like to give the preference to any local man, but whether from modesty or because there are none prepared to do the work there have been no applications to the council.

ALD. HARRIS supposed the matter to be cut and dried already, but wished to point out, however, that we have a thoroughly capable man in our own city engineer, and that there are other local men who can "walk round" Mr. Hawks in every respect—in the construction of filter beds or any other work. He would oppose the importation of this or any other foreign labor. The letter of Mr. Hawks being looked up, it was found that the offer there made is not the same as that recommended for acceptance by the committee.

ALD. STYLES protested against importing from the Sound an engineer of no reputation so far as known here, and whose testimonials say in effect simply that he is a good living man and an honest one. No doubt he is all that, but something more is required in an expert engineer. He feared that if Mr. Hawks were appointed he would be allowed to import several other foreigners to work under him, on the plea that if he is to be held responsible he must be allowed to choose men satisfactory to him. While he wished to see an expert employed, this is not the sort of man he desired.

ALD. VIGELIUS said if it could be provided that Mr. Hawks should not bring in any men from the outside he would not object to the motion.

THE MAYOR thought the consulting engineer would have nothing to do with the employment of men.

ALD. BAKER strongly opposed the resolution, thinking that there is brains enough in Victoria to draw plans for a filter bed, and to read the plans and carry them out. He anticipated the very difficulty mentioned by Ald. Styles in the matter of bringing in other labor on one excuse and another. He thought the present waterworks foreman, for instance, quite as capable as Mr. Hawks of carrying out this work, for which it is proposed to pay this stranger upwards of \$4,000. If the council would call for competitive plans there would be found to be no lack of local men prepared to undertake the work.

ALD. KEITH-WILSON said no one proposed to employ labor from outside the city, but it is desired to get the very best talent to assist the engineer in the construction of the filter beds. He considered Mr. Hawks' reputation as an engineer to be undoubted. He contrasted the present objections with the action of some members of the board in accepting without a murmur the other outside expert who was employed for the electric light works. He thought that in connection with the sample filters designed by Mr. Hawks, and which had shown the utter worthlessness of the supposed filtration of seven or eight years ago, that gentleman had demonstrated the value of his ideas, to say nothing of the several other suggestions he had given gratis. He considered that Mr. Hawks has already given almost the value of the two and a half per cent. proposed to be paid him if employed.

ALD. MUNN moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Harris, that competitive plans be called for, receivable up to January 21, for filter beds of a capacity of three million gallons daily, a premium of \$500 to be offered for the best.

After much discussion the motion as thus amended was carried on this division: For—Ald. Harris, Munn, Baker, Styles and Vigelius—5. Against—Ald. Keith-Wilson, Ledingham, Dwyer and Humphrey—4. The council adjourned at 10.30 p.m.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS.

What Has Been Done to Make the Day a Happy One For All.

Sick and Poor, Orphans and Aged, No One Has Been Forgotten To Day.

Christmas with its kindly influences and good cheer comes to-day to gladden the hearts of many whose lines have not fallen in pleasant places. The sick, the poor and the unfortunate have not been forgotten. Somehow people cannot be selfish at this joyous season. There is an influence that in spite of one's self will loosen the purse strings and render it impossible to sit down to a Christmas dinner comfortably unless with the consciousness that something has been done to help brighten the day for the less fortunate. Let a man appear ever so callous and bound up in his business during the year, at Christmas time some subtle influence seems to find its way down to the bottom of his heart and he suddenly remembers that it is his duty to think of others as well as himself; that he must help the helpless and before he knows it down goes his hand into his pocket and his contribution goes to make some one happy. At the Protestant Orphan Asylum to-day the children are going to have their share in the general rejoicing. Kind friends have remembered the little ones, and their plum pudding and turkey will just be as good and big as any in Victoria. The youngsters will spend a right jolly Christmas.

That worthy institution, the Royal Jubilee hospital, has not been forgotten. At one o'clock the patients, or so many of them as are well enough—will enjoy a Christmas dinner. Then the Arion club have volunteered to sing to the patients, and perhaps that will be the greatest treat of all, for nothing is so soothing to the suffering as music. The Arions will be more than repaid for their kindness by the happiness they will give by their thoughtfulness.

St. Joseph's hospital patients will have a sumptuous Christmas dinner at noon to-day, the good Sisters having made great preparations for the occasion, and a number of old people—city residents—have been invited also to partake of their hospitality.

At the Samaritan Home the dinner will be liberal and good, and at the Old Men's home, the kindness of many citizens has provided a splendid dinner for the old folks who will have a good time generally. For the Roman Catholic orphans at their Spanish home, a jolly Christmas has been arranged; turkeys, geese, candy and all manner of good things have been sent out, and the youngsters will find themselves well provided for.

Meal tickets will be distributed to those who need them to-day by Mr. T. J. Barres of the Benevolent Society, who will be at the American hotel for that purpose between 12 and 1 o'clock.

Even those whose sins of commission have sent them to an involuntary retreat in the jail have not been neglected. Turkey and plum pudding will be served out to day and a certain amount of recreation, compatible of course with discipline, will be allowed them. For once, too, they will be permitted to use tobacco, and no doubt even the hardest of them will feel a glow of Christmas joy in spite of the prison bars.

The ladies by whose efforts the charity concert was given in Institute hall have been busy sending out to worthy families the materials for a substantial Christmas dinner, and the B. C. Benevolent Society have also supplied a great deal of badly needed aid in this direction. The school children of Victoria, too, are the happier for the knowledge that their generous offerings have materially helped to brighten many a home. Altogether Victorians, rich and poor, may well feel that this is indeed

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PERSONAL.

Thomas Hooper and wife returned from the Mainland last night.

John Grant, ex M.P.P., is spending Christmas in the city.

F. B. and J. D. Pemberton returned home by the Louisa last evening.

Sheriff Hall, of Vancouver, is in town spending Christmas with his brother.

Miss Johnston, of the Nanaimo public school, is spending the holidays in town.

Major J. Nicholles, of the firm of Nicholles & Renouf, returned from the East on Sunday night.

Mrs. Geo. Campbell and Miss Maude Campbell, of Nanaimo, are visiting friends in the city.

Frank Richardson, an old Victorian, but now a resident of Seattle, is in the city renewing acquaintances.

Hon. G. B. and Mrs. Martin were among the passengers to Victoria by the Princess Louise yesterday evening.

C. G. Major, Alexander Begg, J. Wulff-sohn and D. Kennedy were among the arrivals from the Mainland last evening.

F. S. Hussey, superintendent of provincial police, is confined to the Jubilee hospital with a severe attack of gastritis.

H. L. Cook and wife, Tacoma; M. H. Morrell and wife, Portland; Robert Hamilton and Fred. Williams, Vancouver, and James Tyson and D. M. Kennedy, San Francisco, are guests at the Driad.

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The desk calendar issued by the Pope Manufacturing Company of Hartford, Conn., has held a unique place among business helpers. Each leaf during that time has taught its daily lesson of the value of better roads and outdoor exercise, and especially the benefits of bicycling. The calendar for 1895, which is just issued, is even brighter than its predecessors in appearance, as clever artists have added dainty silhouette and sketch to the usual wise and witty contributions that have heretofore given this popular calendar its charm.

Mistletoe, Mistletoe for sale by James Moss, 99 Quadra street.

Boy's Own and Girl's Own Annual for 1894, handsomely bound at Hibben & Co.'s.

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DIED.

REDON—In this city, on the 24th instant, Louis Redon, a native of Perigaux, France, aged 38 years.

The funeral will take place on Thursday, at 10 a.m., from the Driad Hotel, and at the Roman Catholic Cathedral at 10.15 a.m. Friends will please accept this intimation.

JERSON—In this city, on the 24th instant, Gustave Wilhelm, the beloved wife of Mr. Ole Jerson, aged 28 years.

The funeral will take place on Thursday, at 2 p.m., from the family residence, No. 255 John street. Friends are invited to attend.

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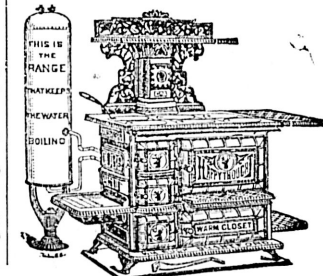
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